

Experiencing the Beauty and Power of God

- I. **When you read biblical accounts of radical experiences with God, believe that every one of them is for you, too.**
 - A. David wrote that when troubles surround us we can be fearless, and we can gaze at the beauty of the Lord, stay encouraged with shouts of joy, and make music to the Lord (Psalm 27:1-6).
 - B. No matter the circumstances of our lives, we can look to the Lord with a radiant face, never covered with fear and shame (Psalm 34:4, 5, 8, 9, 15-19)
 - C. All believers are also equipped to experience the emotional passion of the Bride and the Bridegroom in their relationship with Jesus (Revelation 22:16-17).

- II. **All of this is possible through Jesus who paid the price for us to be saved and who supernaturally baptizes (immerses) us with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8). This immersion in the supernatural is not only to be experienced once, but also over and over again (E.g., the first disciples) (John 20:21-22; Acts 2:1-4; 4:29-31; Ephesians 5:18).**
 - A. God not only fills us with power but embraces us with love and compassion like a Father with his children. By Him, we cry “Abba, Father” (Romans 8:14-16)!
 - B. We are meant to experience a veritable downpour of God’s love (Romans 5:5). (Example of Charles Finney)
 - C. Carrying out God’s wishes is not burdensome (I John 5:3), because God’s presence is always there when we obey (Example of Bilquis Sheikh in I Dared to Call Him Father).

- III. **When you believe God truly loves you and sincerely yearns to be tender toward you, major spiritual breakthrough happens.**
 - A. “Tenderness is what follows when someone reveals to you your inner beauty, when you discover your belovedness, when you are sincerely liked by someone...in short, what happens is I grow tender” (Brennan Manning).
 - B. Tenderness is what God does to our heart when we allow Him to supernaturally love us. “We love, because He first loved us” (I John 4:19).

- IV. **There are several on-ramps to supernatural impartation.**
 - A. “Do not conform to the pattern of this world...(Romans 12:2). If you make a mistake, confess quickly and lean hard on God’s great compassion (I John 1:9-10).
 - B. Ask the Father for His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:11-13). Believe and make space for God to fill you with His Spirit again and again. Be a good receiver. Huge doses of worship and hanging out with other spiritual believers really helps.
 - C. Take advantage of painful circumstances to let God show His love to you. Don’t get hardened; let God soften you.
 - D. Discover and believe the many promises of the goodness of God (Psalm 27:13-14).
 - E. Be a good giver, passing the supernatural currency of God to others (Matthew 10:7-9; Isaiah 58:6-12).
 - F. Have other people pray prayers of impartation of you for various purposes and giftings (James 5:16; II Timothy 1:6).