

# IGNITING PRAYER'S PASSION & POWER IN US

**HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD IN US  
(IN-US-FOR-US)**



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- ❖ God will speak **in-us-FOR-us** and tells us special things, things that are designed for our ears alone.
- ❖ “Now unto Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that works in us.” (Eph 3:20)



After reading Chapter Two, Section Two, list ways in which you believe God has spoken in you FOR you.

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- ✦ List and discuss biblical instances where God spoke to believers in them for them.
- ✦ Consider 2Corinthians (The Apostle Paul) 12:2 and Genesis 37 (The story of Joseph).
- ✦ (There are others ... find them!)

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- ❖ How have you responded to the experiences of God speaking in-you-for-you?
- ❖ 2. Have they changed your life?
- ❖ 3. How were you able to differentiate between your own voice and the voice of God?
- ❖ 4. Did you have trouble in doing so?
- ❖ 5. For you, are these experiences rare?



- ❖ Consider your devotional life before and after you became familiar with the voice of God. (Proverb 3:5,6)
- ❖ Think about how might you “convince” others about the value of your experiences. (1Peter 3:15)
- ❖ Reflect on how God’s voice sounds and feels. (Acts 11:7) (Acts 9:4)
- ❖ Endeavor to speak/share more about these kinds of experiences with others. (Habakkuk 2:2)



### Exercise for Chapter Two, Section Two

- ❖ Consider the phenomenon of speaking in tongues. Read 1 Corinthians 12 and Corinthians 14. Discuss how the Apostle Paul views “speaking in tongues.”
- ❖ Next: Look at the instances in Acts when people receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Consider these passages in light of the ones offered in the Corinthians passages (Especially 1 Corinthians 14:39) and Acts 2:4, 11; Acts 10: 46; Acts 19:6.
- ❖ Report your findings below. Special research: Read Acts 8: 14ff. Add your understanding of these passages to our discussion.

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### Understanding the “In-Us-For-Us” Relationship

- “As I lathered with a small, thin bar of soap, it slipped from my hand and headed toward the floor of the shower. Reaching down to retrieve the soap, I witnessed a strange sight: the soap did not fall flat on the shower floor as one might expect but landed on its side ... at a peculiar angle.

(See the diagram below). I stood there in disbelief. The soap was too small and too thin to land and remain in the position I witnessed. What I saw was literally impossible to duplicate and would probably never happen again.”



Diagram # 2





❖ When I experienced this unlikely event, I was alone. I was in the shower at work. I could not show what I saw. If I moved to call in my staff, the water from the shower, shielded by my body, would have knocked over the soap.

If I had been at home, I could have called my wife to view this unusual sight. I was alone and have come to understand that God wants us that way – alone with him to form with us a “Me-God” relationship.



### Address the following:

- ❖ Document and discuss any in-us-for-us relationships you may have had.
- ❖ How did you handle them?
- ❖ Did you attempt to tell anyone?
- ❖ Was fear a factor? What about unbelief?

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## The Me-God Relationship

- What I have come to understand in hindsight is the importance of the “Me-God” relationship.
- Every biblical person of deep faith has developed a special relationship with God.
- This special relationship was a catalyst for unique experiences between them and God.
- Consider the following texts (and other biblical texts) and explore the nature of this kind of relationship.
- Matthew 17: 1-3: **The Transfiguration of Jesus**  
John 17: 20, 21: **Excerpt from the Pre-Passion Prayer of Jesus**  
Acts 11: 7-28: **Peter's Vision from the Lord**



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### A Relationship of Faith

- ❖ Strong Biblical characters, while walking with God, experienced more than mere acts of faith and perhaps even more than what we might call the gift of faith. They had a relationship of faith with God.
- ❖ Consider the lives of at least two of the following “Faith Giants” and discuss their struggles as they developed and nurtured their relationship of faith:
  - ❖ Noah: **Genesis, chapters 6-7**
  - ❖ Abraham: **Genesis, chapters 17, 18, 20**
  - ❖ The Apostle Paul: **Acts chapters 13, 14, 15, 16, 17**



### Consider these questions:

- What kind of relationship did Noah have/need to persevere in the face of constant ridicule?
- How sure must Abraham have been of the voice that demanded the sacrifice of Isaac?
- What was the extent of Paul's devotional life?

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