



Key References:

2 Corinthians 4:16–18 (ESV) - So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Romans 1:16 (ESV) - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

“When God encounters you there’s a revelation that comes that gets ingrained in you. There’s a truth that comes with that power encounter, where the experience of the encounter will move on but the truth that comes with it will get deposited in your heart. And it will shape you for the rest of your life... Passion that is born out of that encounter with God can never be put out by anything. No trial, no circumstances can quench that passion that is put in there from that power or truth encounter. It’s explosive inside of you!” – Ken on Sunday

Psalms 86:11–12 (ESV) - Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Isaiah 41:18 (NIV) - I will make rivers flow on barren heights, & springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, & the parched ground into springs.

1 – KEN’S TESTIMONY

Ken shared about his testimony from doing youth ministry before he was saved, to being saved and God turning his life around. **Which parts of his story stood out to you the most?**

Ken shared about his hunger for the word of God after he was saved, and that it was God who put that hunger within him. **What hunger has God put within you? If God was the one who put that within you what does that mean for what he wants to do with it?**

Read 2 Corinthians 4:16. **How does God do this renewing in us?**

2 – ENCOUNTERING GOD

Read the quote from Ken on the left. **Can you think of a time that you had an encounter like this with God? What unchanging truth was put in you? How has this truth unquenchable in your life?**

Ken also said that these encounters are also like a death experience. **Why did he mean by this? What gets put to death in us when we encounter God? Have you experienced this?**

3 – PREPARING FOR A GOD ENCOUNTER

How can you prepare yourself for an encounter with God even though we can’t force such a thing?

Ken pointed out how we can prepare:

1. Spend some time with the Lord & reflect on His faithfulness in your life
2. If you’ve lost your first love, do what you did at first
3. Pray for His goodness to overwhelm you
4. Pray that God would captivate your heart; (Psalm 86:11-12)

How does each of these things position us to experience God?

Are you planning on coming this weekend to the special services with Ken? Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9:30am & 6pm.

Andy read Isaiah 41:18 in expectation over the meetings. **How does this scripture speak to how our need right now?**