

WHEN GOD SHOWS UP
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LUKE 8:1-2 “Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out...”

What was the purpose for God showing up in the lives of His people and what can we expect from these visits?

GOD IS WITH US - Starting in the Old Testament there at least eight times where God showed up to let us know that **HE IS WITH US!**

GOD IS WITH US WHEN HE SHOWS UP AMID OUR SIN - *Ref Genesis Ch 3*
 Adam and Eve (in the Garden of Eve) ate from the fruit from the tree of knowledge and when they hear God, they hide among the trees. One can say He repeats this same mercy when He covers and comfort us, regardless of our non-righteousness.

GOD IS WITH US IN OUR DESPAIR - *Ref Genesis 16:9,10 (story of Hagar)*
 God shows up by a spring where this homeless, pregnant, single mom is sitting at and . . .

Genesis 16:9-10 Then the Angel of the Lord said to her, “You must go back to your mistress and submit to her mistreatment.”¹⁰ The Angel of the Lord also said to her, “I will greatly multiply your offspring, and they will be too many to count.”

Key: God did not show up to help her escape the despair but to help her through it. In the same way, God does for us. In our despair we ought not to be praying for an escape but rather the strength to endure.
Not out of it but through it.

GOD WILL SHOW UP IN MIDST OF OUR DOUBT & HE’S READY TO LISTEN
Ref Genesis 18:1-33 ¹⁴“Is anything too difficult for the LORD?”

GOD SHOWS UP, HE IS WILLING TO LISTEN. Here's the question: Are you like Abraham advocating for those you love and pleading to God for their salvation?

GOD ALSO SHOWS UP TO PUT US ON MISSION - STORY OF MOSES

Exodus 3:2-4 Then the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire within a bush. As Moses looked, he saw that the bush was on fire but was not consumed. ³ So Moses thought: I must go over and look at this remarkable sight. Why isn't the bush burning up? ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called out to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Here I am," he answered.

GOD SHOWS UP IN OUR CIRCUMSTANCES - Ref Judges 6:11-24 Gideon

GOD SHOWS UP IN THE FIRES OF OUR PERSECUTION - Ref Daniel 3:24-28

GOD SHOWS UP IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST

WHEN JESUS SHOWS UP

- > He calls you and says follow Me and He never leaves.
- > He clears out the nonsense in the house of God & He will clean up your life
- > He preaches the Word—"Davar" in Hebrew. Things happen when He speaks.

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- > He says, "Seek My kingdom and it will be added to you."
- > He says "You will be the light of the world, a strong house on a hill and you will bring forth good fruit."

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- > He redefines Family: we are brothers/sisters in Christ / we can be known as sons of God and as His friend.
- > He says, "I am the bread of life, he who comes will not hunger, and he who believes will not thirst." He will not cast you out, rather you will have eternal life.
- > He tells us, "I will ask My Dad to send you the Holy spirit who will stay with you, counsel you, love you, protect you."

Dear Lord Jesus,

I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior. Amen.