



# Seasons In Time

ENCOUNTERING GOD FACE TO FACE...  
IN OUR BRIEF JOURNEY THROUGH LIFE

## *The Prologue – Part III*

### **Encountering God Face to Face (Kairos Moments)**

*Contrary to some beliefs, God cannot be discovered by intellectual pursuits or thought control. He is not an ethereal mind to be tapped into and exploited. He is not a concept or philosophy. Though God became flesh in the person of Jesus Christ for the purpose of redemption, He is infinitely higher than any human being. God is not a deified person who once lived and drew followers to himself. **God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, truth and love.***

**How Can You Discover God?** *God is unknowable, except by His gracious **SELF-DISCLOSURE**. Only in a **Face to Face Encounter** (Kairos Moment) can you know God. Though He is infinite and eternal, God is also living and personal and desires to **lovingly share Himself** with you. When God “shows up,” He draws you to Himself. He can step into your life during a decisive crisis or personal drama. Or He can wait to meet with you as you transition from one season of life to another. God gently touches your heart with His unseen hand, whispers your name in His unheard voice and allows you to sense His loving Presence. **If you respond, He will call you to a purpose far greater than you could ever have accomplished on your own.***

**What Is It Like to Encounter God Face to Face?** *It’s **knowing** that He’s closer to you than your very heartbeat. It’s being **immersed in His Presence** and **enveloped in His unconditional love**. It’s His **truth** that leaps out of the pages of scripture and opens your mind to His purposes. It’s His **peace** that floods your soul, calms your fears and quiets your anxious heart. It’s warm tears coursing down your face as you become **lost in songs of worship**. It’s all your Biblical knowledge culminating into the **reality of God’s glorious being**. It’s His gracious Spirit opening your heart to bring **gentle correction** and leading you back to His righteous path. It’s encountering the Savior over and over, knowing that He took your sins upon Himself and gave you His righteousness. **Face to Face with God is not optional, unless when the road of life ends, you plan on stepping into eternity...forever without Him and without hope.***

*Your life is comprised of seasons and the decisions that you make during those seasons. If you live a long life, you will “Travel Through Time”...from your Childhood, through your Teenage Years, through your Young Adult Life, through your Middle Age, and finally into your Latter Years. In each of these seasons, you will experience dramas and crises that require decisions...some small, others life-changing. Many times a change from one season to another can bring confusion, loneliness and even hopelessness. **That’s why you need the Lord to interpret the meaning of life’s dramas...both good and bad. If you open your heart to Him, He will clarify your purpose and rescue you from all that would ruin your soul.***

**The Stories You Shall Read** *in this series are dramatic vignettes of people, each written in their own words as they traveled through Time and Seasons and found themselves Face to Face with God. Some lived tragically, others had purpose. Some died young, others lived to old age. Some made foolish decisions, others were wise. Some forsook the Lord, others walked closely with Him. **For each of these persons, God was intimately aware of their plight and drew them near to Himself during their crises.** Some responded to God, others did not. Yet the grace of the Lord was available to each person...if only they had not ignored Him. **Though they didn’t realize it, these people were in more than a Life-Season. They had entered into a Kairos Moment, the Season of the Lord, reaching to them with His Redeeming Grace.** As you read each story, you may identify with these scenes as if they had been taken from the book of your life. Some of you may have even more dramatic stories to tell than these. **In each account, the person who responded to a Face to Face Encounter with God was changed forever by His amazing grace and love!***

**Next: Stories from the Season of My Childhood – *Life Isn’t Fair!***

