

# Have a Fresh Encounter with God

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LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

Forty is a significant measurement of time in the Bible, as forty years usually depicts a generation. As we celebrate our 40th anniversary, we are reminded that our church is all about God, and that He has given us a mission: to MAKE DISCIPLES. Even as we reach this milestone, we still have a lot of work to do and the work has just begun! In our metropolis alone, there are millions of people who need to hear about Jesus and we, believers also need to have a fresh encounter with God daily.

Let us look into the amazing life and ministry of Isaiah, who served God under five kings in Judah for almost 60 years and remained faithful to God because he had a fresh encounter with Him.

## Isaiah 6:1-3

When King Uzziah died, the kingdom of Judah was filled with worries, fears, instabilities, and challenges — but it was also around this time when Isaiah saw the LORD on His throne (Isaiah 6:1). This served as a reminder that kings and leaders may come and go, but God is still ON THE THRONE (Psalm 135:6, Ephesians 1:11). God wanted Isaiah to know His majesty and greatness first and foremost. In 6:2-3, Isaiah described the Seraphim, the superbeings that are in God's presence, obeying Him, and exalting His absolute goodness and holiness. In the book of Revelation, they were also still praising our holy, holy, holy God (Revelation 4:8)!

God is HOLY, and we submit to His authority because of who He is. He is distinct as the Creator, His moral perfection is undisputed, and He is the example of moral purity (light). He has absolute power, and is absolutely pure and good (1 John 1:5). Out of His love, He sent His Son Jesus to die for the forgiveness of our sins.

God, in His sovereignty, also has absolute control. We can have peace knowing there are no accidents in life (Romans 8:28-29) and that He is the source of our confidence (Romans 8:31-32). As a church we reckon that we had to leave the previous place we were renting for our worship center. Although it was a sad decision, God provided for us our own home at the CCF Center, our base of operation for a global discipleship movement!

## Isaiah 6:4-7

When Isaiah encountered the Lord, he saw his imperfection as a "man of unclean lips" (v.5). He saw his own sinfulness and regarded himself as ruined, even if it was just probably out of saying something bad

(Matthew 15:18). This reveals that until we realize that we are sinners, we will not understand the grace of God and our need for a Savior. Comparing our holiness with others is useless, because compared to Jesus, we are broken and need grace and mercy.

The Seraphim drew near to the humbled Isaiah, and the angel provided forgiveness and purification for him (vv.6-7). This was a prophetic picture involving the altar where the burnt sacrifice is offered, and the sanctification that resulted after it. We come before God to admit we are sinners, and we receive God's gracious forgiveness. A high view of God and a proper view of ourselves will then allow us to see the needs of others.

## Isaiah 6:8

After Isaiah was forgiven and cleansed, he heard the Lord asking, "Whom shall I send, who will go for Us?" (Isaiah 6:8). The moment Isaiah sensed this need, he immediately volunteered and said, "HERE AM I, SEND ME!". This shows that he knew the gospel and understood the ministry of the Messiah, even prophesying about it (Isaiah 53:5-6).

Romans 1:14-16 similarly shows the heart of the Apostle Paul. After encountering Jesus, he considered himself "under obligation", he was "eager to preach the gospel" and was not ashamed of it "for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes" (v.16). Sinners cannot escape God's judgment... and all of us are sinners (Revelation 20:11-12,15; 21:8)! God is holy and will judge evil — yet when we come to Jesus, admit we are sinners, believe in Him and accept the grace He offers for the forgiveness of our sins, we receive God's mercy and salvation.

People are lost without Jesus, and they need to hear the Good News — but you will not be able to share the gospel if you have not experienced it. Have you surrendered your life to God? Are you ready to volunteer and say, "Here am I, send me"? Stop playing games! Admit you are a sinner, believe in Jesus as Savior and Lord, and receive forgiveness for your sins.

Let us serve God and lead others to a fresh encounter with Him as we continue walking with Him in the next forty years! Blessed 40th anniversary CCF family and all praises, honor and glory be to God the Father, to the ever-present Holy Spirit, and to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

## discuss this message

Why is it important to have the right view of God?  
Why is it important to have the right view of ourselves?

How do you see yourselves when put in contrast with  
God's holiness and perfection? How do you feel about  
drawing near to God with your imperfections?

What specific mission is God giving you after having been  
transformed completely by His grace? What should be your  
motivation in serving God?

## last week's memory verse

Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for  
Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

ISAIAH 6:8

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# Hope in Jesus, He is forever faithful.

See you at the Welcome Center and  
let's discuss about it.

## Step Into the Community

Fellowship and learn together with people like you!



### WOMEN2WOMEN ALL WOMEN


#### Be a Woman of W.O.R.T.H.

with Jireh de Jose

September 5, Thursday, 10:00 AM, MPH

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### B1G MINISTRY SINGLES

#### Call of a Witness: Run with Perseverance

September 6, Friday, 7:30 PM, MPH

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### MOVEMEN+ ALL MEN

#### A Single Man's Pursuit

September 14, Saturday

2:00 PM, CCF Center

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### NXTGEN KIDS FROM 4-12 YEARS OLD

#### In Focus: Service in the Family

Sundays, 9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM

G/F CCF Center (ages 4-12)

ZOOM: for ages 7-12; 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM  
message us at [facebook.com/ccfnxtgen](https://facebook.com/ccfnxtgen)  
to sign up

ONLINE: Bible Lesson Video Premiere  
9:00 AM at   ccfnxtgen

## Learn More About Our Faith

Continue to be equipped in your discipleship journey.

### Stay tuned for the upcoming GLC training cycle starting September!

GLC LEVEL 1

**Book 1: One by One**

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday, 10:30 AM

ZOOM: September 18, Wednesday  
7:30 PM

**Book 2: Spiritual Disciplines**

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday, 1:30 PM

ZOOM: September 18, Wednesday  
7:30 PM

GLC LEVEL 2

**Book 5: Starting Point for Small Groups**

ONSITE: September 15, Sunday, 1:00 PM

ZOOM: September 19, Thursday, 7:30 PM

#### Baptism Class and Rites

CLASS: September 15, Sunday, 1:30 PM  
G/F New Building

RITES CEREMONY:

September 22, Sunday, 1:30 PM

Register: [bit.ly/BaptismReg2024](https://bit.ly/BaptismReg2024)

#### Can't attend GLC F2F or on Zoom?

Use the Self-Paced Online format or  
do GLC in your DGroups!

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for His purpose.**

### God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful  
life with Him in the present and gain  
eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God,  
He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps  
His covenant and His lovingkindness** to  
a thousandth generation with those who  
love Him and keep His commandments  
– Deuteronomy 7:9*

### God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us  
from Him.

*Everyone has sinned and is far away from  
God's saving presence. – Romans 3:23*

### God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for  
us to be reconciled to Him: through His  
son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the  
cross for our sins and be raised to life for  
eternity.

*But God demonstrates His own love  
toward us, in that while we were yet  
sinners, Christ died for us. Much more  
then, having now been justified by His  
blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of  
God through Him. – Romans 5:8*

*I am the way, and the truth, and the life;  
no one comes to the Father but through  
Me. – John 14:6*

### God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we  
are forgiven of our sins and saved from  
eternal death.

*For God so loved the world, that He gave  
His only begotten Son, that whoever  
believes in Him shall not perish, but have  
eternal life. – John 3:16*

*For by grace you have been saved through  
faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift  
of God; not as a result of works, so that no  
one may boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9*

**Would you like to place your faith in Jesus  
Christ today?**

Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I  
am a sinner. I believe that You died on  
the cross to pay for all my sins. With Your  
help, I will turn away from my sins. Please  
come into my life and be my Savior and  
my Master. I accept Your gift of eternal  
life. Make me the kind of new person You  
want me to be. Thank You for giving me  
eternal life. Amen.

### God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life  
when you trust in Jesus.

*And the testimony is this, that God has  
given us eternal life, and this life is in His  
Son. He who has the Son has the life; he  
who does not have the Son of God does  
not have the life. These things I have  
written to you who believe in the name of  
the Son of God, so that you may know that  
you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13*

## Services at the CCF Center




### Saturday Nights

5:00 PM

### Sundays

9:00 AM, 12:00 NN,  
and 3:00 PM

### Online Livestream

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9:00 AM, 12:00 NN, 3:00 PM, 6:00 PM

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