



Key References:

Philippians 3:3–14 (ESV)

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Psalms 86:11–13, 15–17 (ESV)

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name. ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your maidservant. ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame because you, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

1 – ENCOUNTERING GOD

Ken pointed to Moses and said “*we cannot do what God’s called us to do unless he encounters us*”. **What stories do you know about God encountering someone and enabling them for a calling?**

Ken said he had 3 significant encounters with God that have enabled and equipped him for ministry. **Has this ever happened to you?**

How does encountering God enable someone to live out a radical calling? What different ways did Ken say encountering God effects someone?

If you know what God is calling you into but have not encountered Him, should you wait and do nothing before stepping out?

Ken said: “*God’s encounters are a gift. We don’t choose the timing or the way that God encounters us*”. **Why is this important to realise?**

Have you ever had questions about how God chooses to encounter people in power? Why do we lay on hands in prayer?

Three stories Ken shared over the weekend; “*his runaway brother*”, “*his struggles with not knowing his father*”, “*his first time praying & fasting*”. **Did any of these stories speak to you? What did they illustrate?**

Read Philippians 3:3-14. **What stands out to you here that only someone who had a powerful encounter with God could say?**

Do you remember any of the practical steps that Ken gave to position yourself? (Spend time with God; Reflect on His faithfulness in your life; If you’ve “lost your first love” go back to what you did when you first met God; Pray for His goodness to overwhelm you; Pray Psalm 86:11-13, 15-17; Sometimes lay on hands in faith) **How can you practically do each one of these? Why are they each vital?**

Ken said “*the greatest ingredient anyone can ever have is hunger*”. **What do you think about this?**

What is the biggest thing from this weekend that you want to take into the future?