

## FACE TO FACE WITH JESUS

(Acts 4:13 KJV) Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

### I. THEY TOOK KNOWLEDGE OF THEM, THAT THEY HAD BEEN WITH JESUS.

#### A. *Disciples.*

#### B. *Moses.*

1. Had to veil his face when he came down from the presence of God.
2. (2 Cor 3:7 KJV) But if the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; which glory was to be done away: (2 Cor 3:8 KJV) How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious?
3. (Exo 34:31 KJV) And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses talked with them. (Exo 34:32 KJV) And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in mount Sinai. (Exo 34:33 KJV) And till Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. (Exo 34:34 KJV) But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out. And he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. (Exo 34:35 KJV) And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

### II. A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD WILL TOTALLY CHANGE OUR LIVES.

#### A. Jacob. I will not let you go until you bless me.

1. (Gen 32:24 KJV) And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. (Gen 32:25 KJV) And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him.
2. (Gen 32:26 KJV) And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me.
3. (Gen 32:27 KJV) And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. (Gen 32:28 KJV) And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.
4. (Gen 32:29 KJV) And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.
5. (Gen 32:30 KJV) And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved.

#### B. *Moses and the burning bush.*

1. (Exo 3:3 KJV) And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

2. (Exo 3:4 KJV) And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

C. ***Saul of Tarsus.***

1. (Acts 9:1 KJV) And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, (Acts 9:2 KJV) And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem. (Acts 9:3 KJV) And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: (Acts 9:4 KJV) And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? (Acts 9:5 KJV) And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. (Acts 9:6 KJV) And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. (Acts 9:7 KJV) And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. (Acts 9:8 KJV) And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus.
2. *"I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."* (Acts 26:13).

D. ***Peter was a changed man after the day of Pentecost.***

III. CHANGE THAT THE HOLY GHOST BRINGS.

- A. ***Holy boldness.***
- B. ***Overcoming faith and power.***
- C. ***Righteousness, peace, and joy.***

IV. WHEN WE HAVE HAD A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD OUR LIVES WILL NEVER BE THE SAME.

- A. ***Don't have to worry about stability, steadfastness, consistency, commitment, faithfulness.***
- B. ***No worry about backsliding or growing cold in our experience.***
- C. ***Our experience will come alive.***
- D. ***No continuing struggle with the weaknesses of the flesh.***
- E. ***Word of God comes alive--like a personal word from God to you.***
  1. Spirit of life - no longer dead letter.
  2. Spirit of revelation.
- F. ***Don't have to force yourself to love--love of God shed abroad in our hearts.***
- G. ***Don't have to grudgingly do anything.***
  1. Praise God.
  2. Giving to God.
- H. ***Serving God is not a drag or bore.***
- I. ***Spirit of restlessness will be dispelled by sense of purpose and contentment.***
- J. ***Spirit of excitement introduced into our lives.***
- K. ***Desire to serve God.***

V. JESUS BECOMES NUMBER ONE IN OUR LIVES.

A. *How can I please you Lord?*

B. *Seek first the Kingdom of God--all these things added to you.*

C. *Everything revolves around the Kingdom of God--His kingdom is the only thing that will prevail.*