

Welcome

Worship Songs

*"Love the Lord"*

*"Graves Into Gardens"*

Scripture for Today

*John 4:23 (NIV)*

Prayer

Message

*"Hide & Seek"*

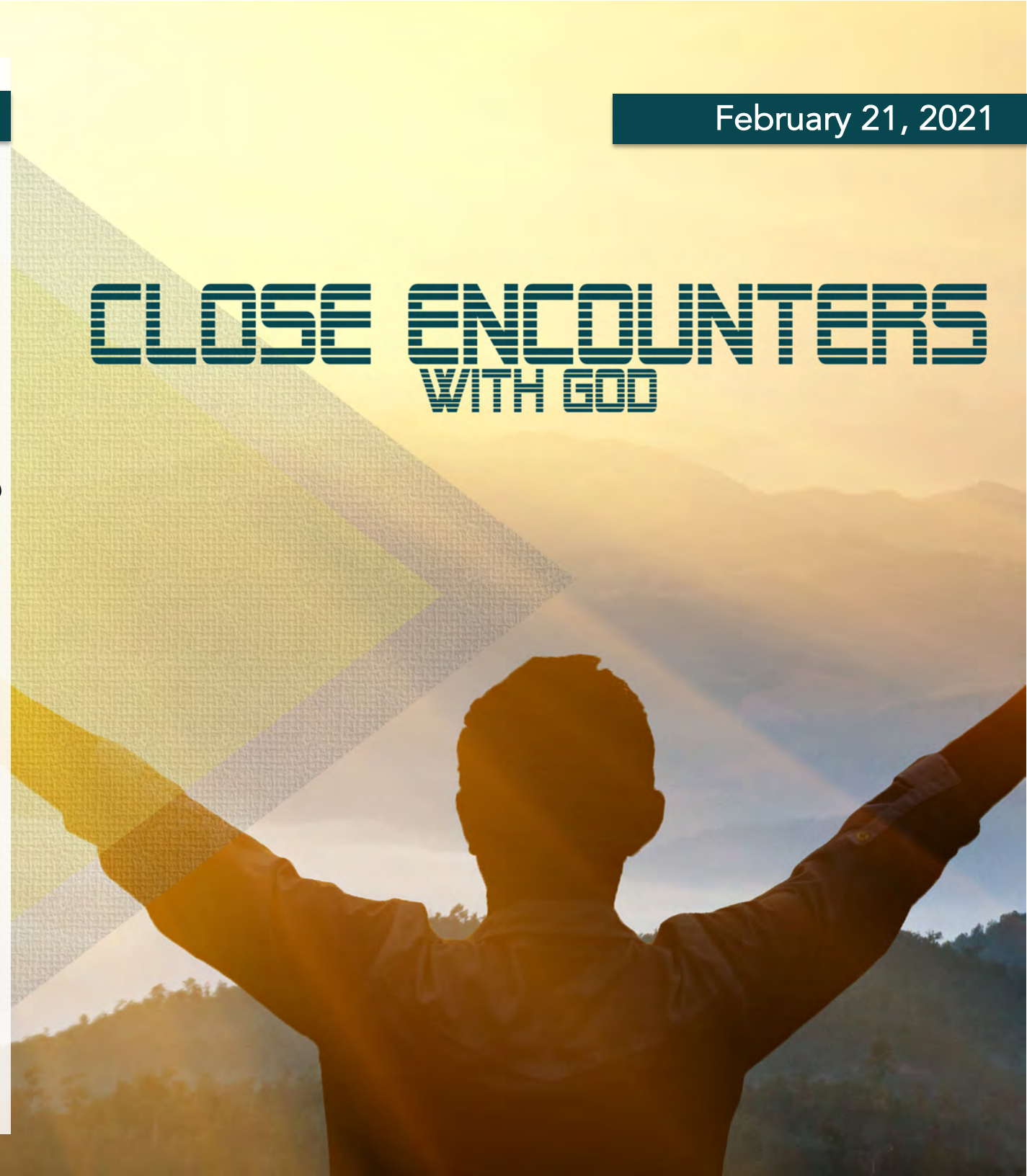
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Worship Song

*"Be Still"*

\*Closing

# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH GOD



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## HIDE & SEEK

*“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks*  
– John 4:23

- If you can't find God, \_\_\_\_\_. He'll find you.

*“... anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”*  
– Hebrews 11:6

### ENCOUNTER #1:

*“Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jahaziel son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite and descendant of Asaph, as he stood in the assembly. He said: “Listen, King Jehoshaphat and all who live in Judah and Jerusalem! This is what the LORD says to you: ‘Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.’”*

– 2 Chronicles 20:14-15

*“Early in the morning they left for the Desert of Tekoa. As they set out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, “Listen to me, Judah and people of Jerusalem! Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld; have faith in his prophets and you will be successful.” After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the LORD and to praise him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying: “Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever.” As they began to sing and praise, the LORD set ambushes against the men of Ammon and Moab and Mount Seir who were invading Judah, and they were defeated.”*  
– 2 Chronicles 20:20-22

### ENCOUNTER #2:

*“Three days later, when David and his men arrived home at their town of Ziklag, they found that the Amalekites had made a raid into the Negev and Ziklag; they had crushed Ziklag and burned it to the ground. They had carried off the women and children and everyone else but without killing anyone. When David and his men saw the ruins and realized what had happened to their families, they wept until they could weep no more.”*  
– 1 Samuel 30:1-4 (NLT)

*“David was now in great danger because all his men were very bitter about losing their sons and daughters, and they began to talk of stoning him. But David found strength in the LORD his God. Then he said to Abiathar the priest, “Bring me the ephod!”*  
– 1 Samuel 30:6-7 (NLT)

### ENCOUNTER #3:

*“A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods. They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape. So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks. Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!”*  
– Acts 16:22-26 (NLT)

*“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”*  
– Jeremiah 29:13

*“When you come looking for me, you'll find me. Yes, when you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else.”*  
– Jeremiah 29:13 (MSG)

*“One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?” “The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’”*  
– Mark 12:28-30

#### 1. “All your heart & soul”

- I worship God by expressing my \_\_\_\_\_ to God

#### 2. “All your mind”

- I worship God by focusing my \_\_\_\_\_ on God

#### 3. “All your strength”

- I worship God by using my \_\_\_\_\_ for God

### 3 QUESTIONS:

- What do I \_\_\_\_\_ most?
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