



STUDY GUIDE

Revitalize Your Life with the Prophetic, Prayer & His Presence

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us reveals the fragrance of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.” (2 Corinthians 2:14–15)

I. You Can Release the Powerful Fragrance of Christ!

God has invaded people’s lives in the past and He still invades people’s lives today with the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit! What happens when the Presence of God touches an ordinary person? What happens when the unique fragrance of Christ is on display again today? A person’s life can be changed forever by a heavenly power encounter.

Certainly, as scripture shows, nothing ever stays the same! The following are a few examples of how God can empower in the area of prayer, the prophetic and the presence of God, even in times of weakness, and equip you to push back the enemy forces of darkness in Jesus’ great name, for His glory!

A. The Impact of the Fragrant Oil Released by Mary of Bethany

“While He was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on His head.” (Mark 14:3)

B. Empowering Encounters throughout History

The annals of history demonstrate that one heavenly God encounter can forever transform the course of a person's life. The following is a sampling of how power encounters changed the lives of many ordinary believers to become some of our "Heroes and Heroines of the Faith." The following are some examples of these empowered lives.

1. Jacob's encounter with the living God—in a dream in the wilderness at Bethel—changed him from a deceiving schemer and trickster into Israel, "prince of God," and father of a nation of the people of God.
2. Moses' encounter with the living God—in a burning bush—changed him from a stuttering backcountry shepherd into a bold leader and deliverer of a nation who could confront the Pharaoh of Egypt, the world's most powerful leader.
3. Deborah's encounter with the fierceness of God changed a respectable judge into the deliverer of a nation who rendered courageous counsel to those in authority and vanquished the enemy's army.
4. Saul's encounter with the risen Christ—in a vision on the road to Damascus—transformed him from a fire-breathing persecutor of the Church into Paul, a fire-igniting apostle and evangelist who carried the gospel of Christ throughout the Roman Empire.
5. Augustine's encounter with God—through a voice that said, "Take and read, take and read"—led him to Romans 13:11–14. That passage changed him instantly from a doubting skeptic into a confirmed believer in Christ, and bequeathed to the Church one of its greatest theologians and thinkers.
6. Joan of Arc's encounters of visionary guidance from the Lord changed the life of an uneducated peasant girl into that of a renowned counselor, strategist, military leader, and consecrated martyr for the purposes of God and France in her generation.
7. Bertha Smith's encounter with the conviction of the Holy Spirit and the healing presence of God catapulted an obscure Baptist missionary into a preacher of historic revival in China.
8. Dwight L. Moody's encounter with the calling God—during a prayer meeting in a hay field—changed him from a poorly educated, unconfident

shoe salesman into one of the greatest evangelists of modern times. He preached revivals across England and the United States where tens of thousands came to know Christ as Savior.

9. Kathryn Kuhlman's encounter with the relentless love of God changed an ordinary, red-headed country girl into a world-impacting, miracle-working minister—all for the glory of God.
10. Billy Graham had an encounter with the Holy Spirit's empowering presence—over 70 years ago, in a hotel room in Los Angeles, California—and was thus transformed into one of the Church's all-time great evangelists who ushered hundreds of thousands of souls into the Kingdom of God.

II. Four Lives Which Have Empowered My Life

The Holy Spirit has released high caliber leaders into my life in different decades, each being a representative of one of these areas of the prophetic, prayer, and the presence of God. They also have been leaders in different movements of the historic movements of the Holy Spirit. It has truly been an honor.

A. The Fragrance of the Prayer from the Life of Dick Simmons

Receiving a letter from Dick Simmons to go to New York City to “Break Open the Way” for the King of Glory based out of Micah 2:13. Ending up praying with him and others in strategic prayer assignments for hours in Manhattan. We even prayed all night in the Empire State Building. We were given the prayer assignment to call David Wilkerson back to the land of His anointing to start Times Square Church.

I learned the Breaker Anointing from Dick Simmons, ***How to Remind God of His Word and historical Prayers for Revival***. I dedicated my book, ***The Lifestyle of Watchman***, to both Dick Simmons and to Beth Alves as I was deeply impacted by both of their prayer lives. In recent years, he has graduated to His heavenly reward.

B. The Fragrance of the Prophetic Life of Cindy Jacobs

In recent years, I have been wonderfully and powerfully marked by the life and ministry of the Co-Founder of Generals International, Cindy Jacobs. She has been given the lifetime achievement award by Global Empower 21 and she has been the Chairman of the Apostolic Council of Prophetic Elders for the past 25 years. She knows how to shift atmospheres of cities, cultures, and nations and walks under the shadow of the Almighty.

We have ministered in private settings, prayer calls, and on world stages together. I remember a dream in which I was shown how her spiritual gift of discerning of spirits worked. Cindy was aiming a camera with a very long, macro-level lens, and then it zoomed closer and closer in with a micro-level lens upon the desired target. Her discernment had become precise. I felt the Holy Spirit tipped me off that while Cindy was known publicly for the strength of declarative prophetic gift, it was the private use of the gift of discerning of spirits that was even stronger. Whatever the case, I have seen both gifts release profound impact!

Some have referred to my dear friend as the Momma, and me as the Pappa, of Prophetic intercession. Michal Ann was one of Cindy's original Founders of the International Deborah Company. Together we helped start the National Day of Prayer for the Cherokee. We have ministered together in Argentina, Guatemala, Canada, Thailand, Russia, Germany, England, Scotland, across the United States and many other nations. Few have cheered me on in recent years like that as this global fire starter, as that of Cindy Jacobs!

C. The Fragrance of the Presence of God from the Life of Mahesh Chavda.

I met Mahesh Chavda when he and I were both single young men. Eventually I started serving him at a distance and traveling with him from time to time. I did up front work for him for a crusade in Haiti, extended meetings in the Midwest and the Northeast, etc.

We traveled in Europe together, and I would bring his tennis shoes to him at 2 a.m. in the morning when his feet were tired. I would do the morning meetings

when he would do the evening Healing Meetings. I served as a backup man and as an armor bearer and however I could. Our families became dear friends. He prayed for my wife and that was how we were healed of barrenness.

I was touched by the shadow of the presence of God upon His life. I received an impartation to begin “Ministry to the Nations” through the anointing upon this man’s life. I will always be deeply indebted to God for the impartation that has occurred in my life through this dear man of God. Mahesh and Bonnie Chavda have started All Nations Church, lead the “Watch of the Lord” and hold conferences in their home church.

D. The Fragrance of Proclaiming God’s Word from the Life of Derek Prince.

The person who has impacted my Christian life and ministry the most other than God the Father, Jesus His Son, the Holy Spirit, and the Bible, has been Derek Prince. His teachings impacted my life in a profound manner. Derek Prince was known as the “Teacher of Teachers” in the International Charismatic Movement.

He lived a life of impeccable integrity, dignity, and lived an example of memorizing and declaring the Word of God. I studied his outlines and I often said that this fingerprints are all over my study guides. I learned God’s Heart for Israel, Prayer and Fasting, the ministry of deliverance, breaking of curses, church government, how Jesus emptied Himself, followed by the steps of exaltation. I have often stated, “God sent Derek Prince to come and etch his name in the foundation of my house when the cement was still wet.” That is how impactful the life and ministry this scholarly British man was upon my life.

The following is but one example of the power of Declaring the Written Word of God.

By This I Overcome the Devil!

1. We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the Word of God says the blood of Jesus does for us. (Revelation 12:11)
2. Through the Blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil. (Ephesians 1:7)
3. Through the Blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven. (1 John 1:9)
4. Through the Blood of Jesus, I am continually being cleansed from all sin. (1 John 1:7)
5. Through the Blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just-as-if-I'd never sinned. (Romans 5:9)
6. Through the Blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. (Hebrews 13:12)
7. Through the Blood of Jesus, I have boldness to enter into the Presence of God. (Hebrews 10:19)
8. The Blood of Jesus cries out continually to God in heaven on my behalf. (Hebrews 12:2)

III. Practical Power Tools and Guidelines

A. Some Simple Everyday Tools for Each One of Us

The following are some practical yet powerful tools and guidelines of encouragement to those who wish to be used of God:

1. Develop a secret prayer life with God.
2. Add fasting to your praying.
3. Learn to pray in the Spirit, wait and pray in your understanding.
4. Be grounded in His Word. The Word is your Anchor, and the Spirit of God is your Sail to catch the Wind for your Boat!
5. Visit those places where visitations occurred in the past and where people were greatly used in previous moves of God.
6. Cultivate a Culture of Honor.
7. Declare a "No Competition Zone!"
8. Cultivate an attitude of humility.
9. We are each called to be reflectors of His Glory!

10. Remember, we are each called to be naturally supernatural.
11. Release the fragrance of the Presence of God everywhere I go!
12. My goal: To create a lineage and legacy of the Shadow of the Almighty that will be cast upon the generations yet to come.

B. The Staircase or the Elevator

God uses both the discipline of walking up and down the staircase of everyday activity and then He will give you the unusual God Encounter where you get in an elevator and you go on the ride of a lifetime!

Do the everyday, mundane things of life and yet hunger for the overshadowing falling of the Holy Spirit, where you are invited into an activity that changes you and changes everyone around you!

IV. What Is Your Fragrance You Release?

Other men and women of God who have influenced my life:

A. From the Life of Jill Austin

I was in countless numbers of meetings with the fiery prophetess, Jill Austin. She would challenge us often with the declaration, *"How dangerous is your shadow?" "How hungry are you? Can you take more of God?"*

I was given dreams of my dear friend Jill Austin's passing in glory just four months after my wife ascended. I saw them running in the fields together with giant sunflowers with no shoes on and with great glee. That was Jill and Michael Ann. They were friends of God.

B. From the Life of Heidi Baker

What can I say about dear Heidi Baker? Learning to Stop for the One. When There is Never Enough, There is Always Enough!

She is a modern laid-down lover of God who has seen the dead raised, the blind see, and food is multiplied. She and her husband Roland have truly laid down their lives for the gospel of Jesus Christ in the country of Mozambique and releases the fragrance of Christ among the poorest of the poor in the earth.

C. **From the Life of Bob Jones**

During a fast in May of 1983, Michal Ann and I met Bob Jones. He prayed a blessing over the fruit of Ann's womb. I immediately started ministering alongside Bob after that point in time. This was also right after I had completed praying for the "School of the Prophets" to come into being for over 10 straight years.

I learned amazing things from Papa Seer Bob Jones. I was one of the only people that he would let me lay my hand in the middle of his back when he was sitting there praying for people hour after hour.

The last time I was in his home, he told me I had graduated to a new anointing of compassion and that Ann had one last word to give me. I hung on to that word. That very night an angel gave me a literal card and said to me, *"This is your wife's last word to you."* It was the card given to me by an angel that said, *"Never, Never, Never, Never Give Up!"*

D. **The Passionate Words of Michal Ann Goll**

"Do you long for a genuine 'God encounter' in your life? Do you wonder whether or not such experiences still happen today? Do you wonder whether it could happen to you? Then take heart! God encounters do happen, and not just to 'super-Christians.' They also happen to ordinary people. How do I know? Because God encounters have happened to me and to my husband, Jim (as I fondly refer to him), and we are ordinary folks raised in the rural U.S.A. Believe me, if God encounters can happen to us, then they can happen to you. Cry out to Him and make yourself available to Him; He will not ignore you."

V. Prayer for the Holy Spirit's Power Encounter

This prayer comes from the closing chapter of the **God Encounters Today** book, coauthored by James W. Goll with Michal Ann Goll.

Father God, I present myself to You. I believe that Jesus Christ is Your great and only Son. I come to present myself, my family, and my future to You. I need You more than I have ever needed You before! Come, Holy Spirit! Come and invade my unholy comfort zones with the love of God. Change me. Shape me. Drive fear and unbelief out of me. Consume me with the fire of Your holy Presence. I welcome Your ambassadors—the angels of the Lord—to do Your bidding.

Take control of my life. Bring me close encounters of a heavenly kind. Release the prophetic power of the supernatural to change my life. I ask for life-changing encounters, Lord, as I seek You first, Your Kingdom, and Your righteousness, for Your holy name's sake! Amen and amen.