

**SHINE**

**LIKE STARS**

# Three types of Encounters



**TRUTH ENCOUNTERS**

**POWER ENCOUNTERS**

**PERSONAL ENCOUNTERS**



## John 8:12 (HCSB)

Then Jesus spoke to them again:

**“I am the light of the world.**

Anyone who follows Me  
will never walk in the darkness  
but will have the light of life.”

## Matthew 5:14-16 (HCSB)

**“You are the light of the world.”**

A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.

<sup>15</sup> No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. <sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.



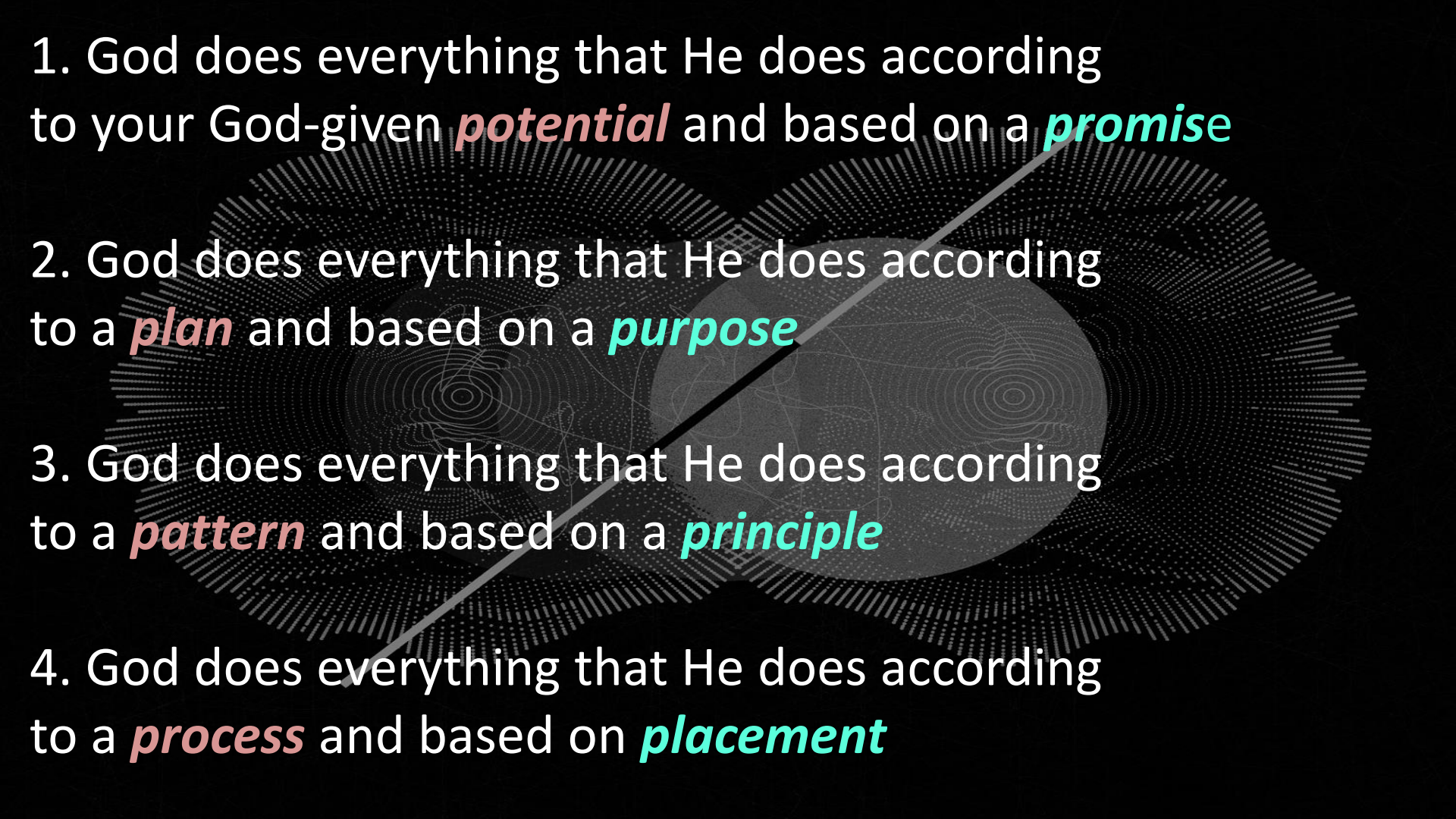
## Philippians 2:14-16 (HCSB)

Do everything without grumbling and arguing,  
<sup>15</sup> so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God  
who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation,  
among whom you

**shine like stars**

in the world.

<sup>16</sup> Hold firmly to the message of life...



1. God does everything that He does according to your God-given *potential* and based on a *promise*

2. God does everything that He does according to a *plan* and based on a *purpose*

3. God does everything that He does according to a *pattern* and based on a *principle*

4. God does everything that He does according to a *process* and based on *placement*

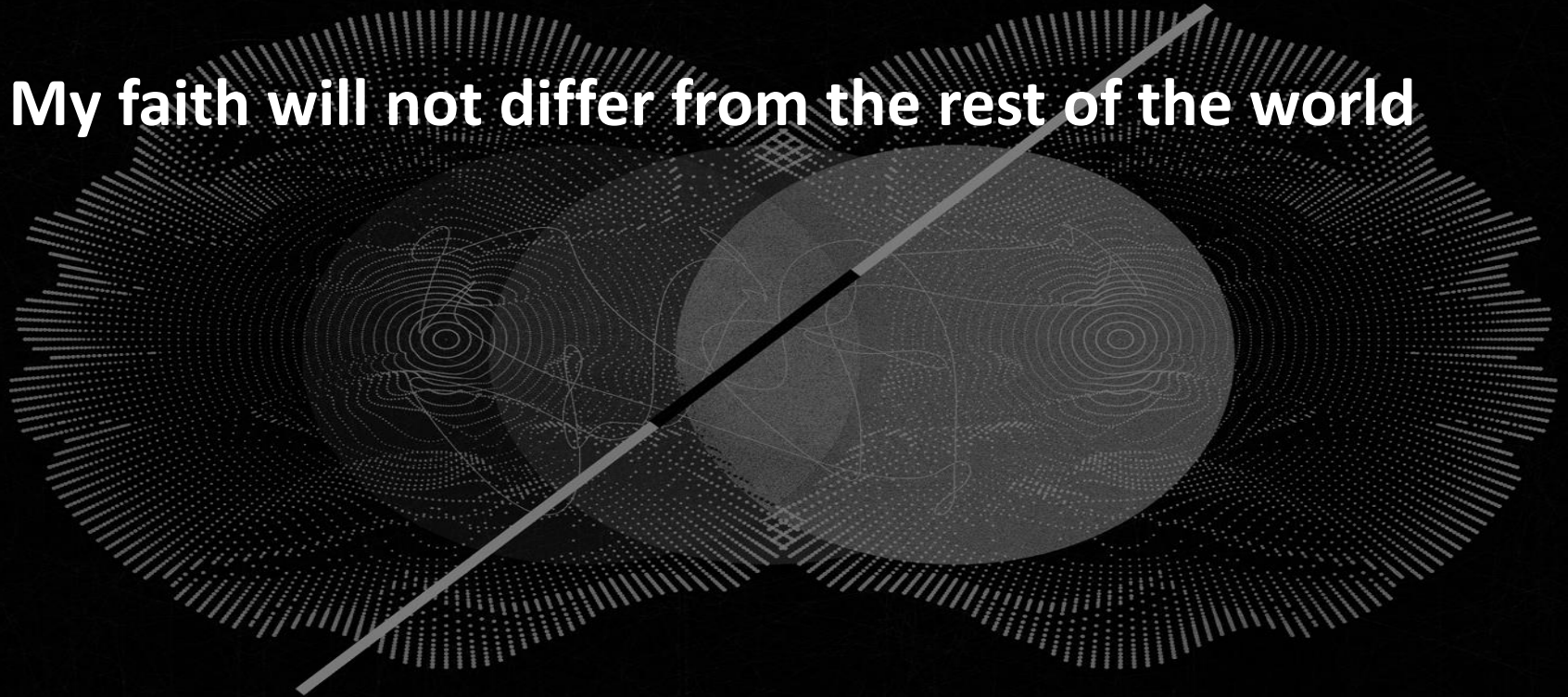


## Esther 4:13-14

**Don't think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for a such a time as this?**

**4 things...If I don't step out and obey...**

**1. My faith will not differ from the rest of the world**





## Three questions...

How are you ministering your gifts and talents to build the kingdom?

Who are you mentoring? Invest in someone else's discipleship journey

Multiply - you are empowering others to reproduce

# How's my neighbour doing **RELATIONALLY**?

How is their home life?

How is their marriage, dating, or family life going?

Do they have close friends?

How are their relationships at work?

Do they have a healthy circle of friends?



# How's my neighbor doing PHYSICALLY?

How is their overall health?

Does their energy level seem good?

Are they getting regular exercise?

Are their eating habits healthy?

Do they mention not being able to sleep?

# How's my neighbour doing MENTALLY?

Are there any signs of anxiety?

Is there any indication of depression?

Have I noticed any mood swings?

Are they learning?

Are there any unhealthy thought patterns showing up?



# How's my neighbor doing SPIRITUALLY?

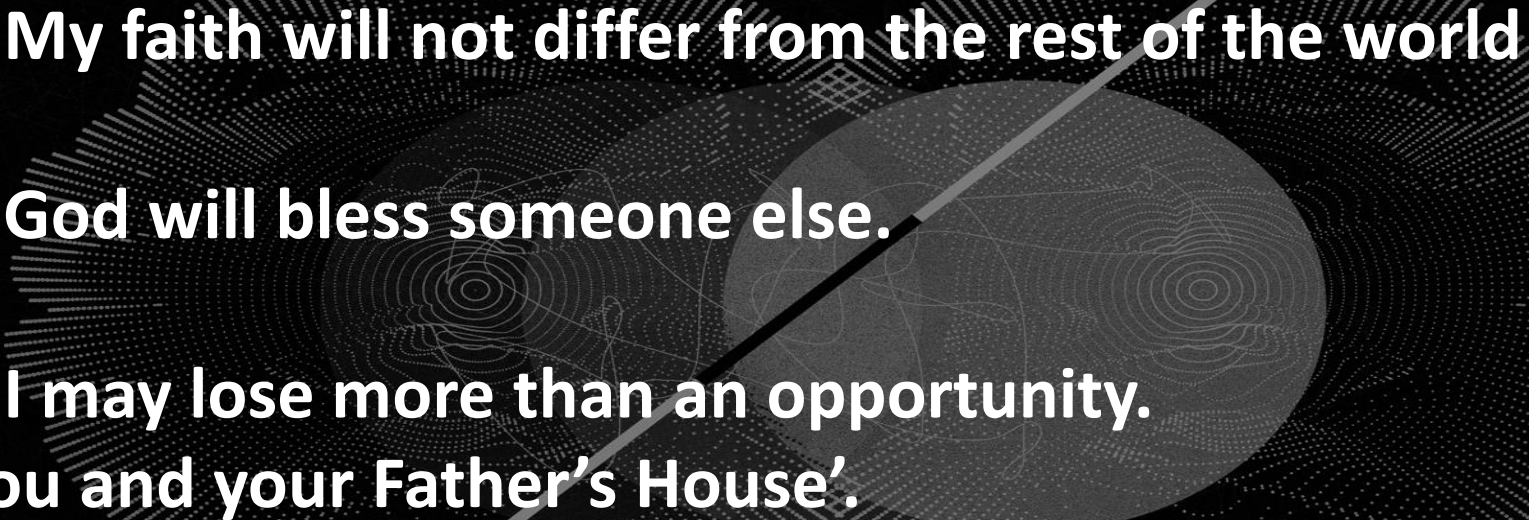
- Do they sense something is missing in their life?
- Are they willing to have you pray for them?
- Do they display a spiritual curiosity?
- Do they initiate spiritual conversations?
- Are they moving closer to God?

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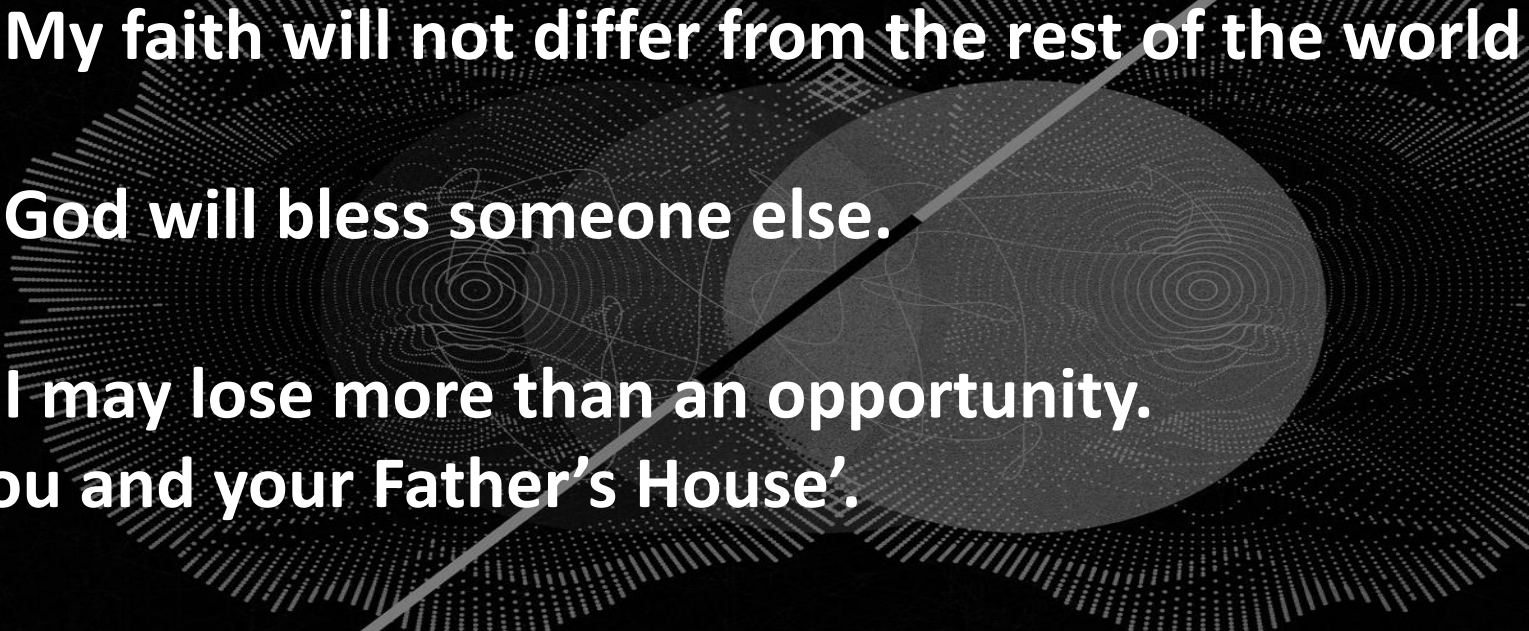
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  - 4. I could miss my God-given purpose in life.**
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# ESTHER – STAR IN DARKNESS

## 1. LEARN THROUGH MENTORSHIP

Esther 2:7 (NKJV) *And Mordecai had brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter, for she had neither father nor mother. The young woman was lovely and beautiful. When her father and mother died, Mordecai took her as his own daughter.*

## Philippians 2:19-22 (NKJV)

**19** But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. **20** For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. **21** For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. **22** But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel.



## 2 Timothy 3:10-11 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But you have carefully followed  
my doctrine,  
manner of life,  
purpose,  
faith,  
longsuffering,  
love,  
perseverance,  
<sup>11</sup> persecutions,  
afflictions,

# GROWTH TRACK

## **Target: What are My Growth Goals?**

Identify the Target you hope to reach. What areas of your life you desire growth? Jesus' growth was focused on four areas: spiritual, mental, relational, and physical. Luke 2:52

## **Roadmap: How Do I Plan to Grow?**

What is your Roadmap? Step by Step directions to get you to your destination. Things like training, resources, coaching, and experiences.



# HOW TO GROW? GROWTH TRACK

## **Accountability: Who Will Hold Me Accountable?**

This step is the easiest to avoid. To grow to your full potential, you need somebody build Accountability. Most of us aren't good enough to grow for a lifetime without the support and encouragement of friends and mentors.

## **Check-Up: When and How Will I Evaluate My Growth Progress?**

How often will you do a check-up to measure your progress toward your Target? What deadlines will you attach to the various steps in your Roadmap?

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Esther 2:15 (NKJV) Now when the turn came for Esther the daughter of Abihail the uncle of **Mordecai**, who had taken her as his daughter, to go in to the king, she requested nothing but what **Hegai** the king's eunuch, the custodian of the women, advised. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all who saw her.

## Acts 16:6-10 (HCSB)

<sup>6</sup> They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia and were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the message in Asia. <sup>7</sup> When they came to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. <sup>8</sup> So, bypassing Mysia, they came down to Troas.



## Acts 16:6-10 (HCSB)

<sup>9</sup> During the night a vision appeared to Paul:  
A **Macedonian man** was standing and pleading with him,  
“**Cross over** to Macedonia and help us!” <sup>10</sup> After he had  
seen the vision, we immediately made efforts to set out for  
Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to  
evangelise them.

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3. LEAD WITH FAVOUR - ONE DAY OF FAVOUR IS WORTH MORE THAN A LIFETIME OF LABOUR

Esther 2:17 (NKJV) The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and **she obtained grace and favor** in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.



# FAVOUR IS

When God chooses to bless you based on grace,  
which positions you for

1. Increased influence
2. Supernatural turnarounds
3. Limitations broken
4. Spacious Space
5. Dreams awakened
6. Missed opportunities redeemed
7. Wide open new doors of divine possibilities!