

# Your Relationship with God is not Personal



How many enjoyed Wednesday night's service? The Spirit of God fell, and people shouted, danced, and ran the aisles. It was just like the old-time Pentecostal services I remember as a child. It should be that way every time we walk through those doors.

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Why isn't it? What happened? God didn't change. The Holy Ghost is the same today as it was when it fell in the Upper Room almost 2,000 years ago. The people who heard them thought they were drunk. I imagine they were shouting, dancing, and running the

Sister Linda, they used to call us Holy Rollers. They didn't understand that we were just practicing Halal (haw-lal) praise, making a fool of ourselves, and acting like madmen.

No, God didn't change. We changed. We made our relationship with God too personal. We became self-centered instead of Christ-centered. As Christians, it's easy to fall into the trap of making our faith about ourselves. I touched on this a few months ago with the flashlight on your phone and how the light goes out when you take a selfie.

We focus on our personal blessings, our personal struggles, and our personal relationship with God. Our relationship with God was never meant to be personal. It's about bringing glory to Him and sharing His love and salvation with others.

Yes, our relationship with God is personal in the sense that we each have different experiences, struggles, and joys that shape our connection to Him. But if it only affects you and no one else, your light isn't shining.

When we come together as the body of Christ, our personal relationships with God are strengthened through corporate worship, prayer, and fellowship. We learn from each other's experiences and perspectives and support one another in our walks with God.

But your relationship with God also extends beyond the church and your fellow believers. It should impact every aspect of your life, including how you minister to others. Your relationship with God is meant to be reflected in your actions and interactions with everyone you encounter to spread His love and truth. We may never know how our actions or words can impact someone's life and bring them closer to God.

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Peter tells us that we need to sanctify the Lord God in our hearts, which means to set aside a place in our hearts for Him, not for personal reasons but so His light can shine through us. When they see that light, they will ask you where the hope inside you comes from.

Imagine someone approaching you and asking why you always seem in a good mood, why they never hear you complain, or why you smile even when going through a trial. At that moment, you should be ready with an answer that points to God and His love for you.

You can tell them, "I once was lost, but now I am found. I once was blind, but now I see. There, but for the grace of God, go I."

As the worship team leads us in song and praise, let's not just make our relationship with God personal but let His light shine through us.

## X Tweets:

1. **1 Peter 3:15 (KJV):** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. Your faith should shine through your actions! ✨ #Hope #Faith
2. **Matthew 5:16 (KJV):** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Let's reflect God's love and goodness in everything we do! ✨ #ShineBright #Love
3. **Philippians 4:13 (KJV):** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Remember, our strength comes from Him. Let's lift each other as we walk in faith! 💪 #StrengthInChrist #Unity
4. **Psalms 119:105 (KJV):** Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. When we walk with God, our paths are illuminated. Let's share that light with others! 🙌 #Guidance #GodsWord
5. **Romans 12:10 (KJV):** Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. Together, we build each other up in Christ! 🤝 #Community #LoveOneAnother