

## Altared Self

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**CRITICAL QUESTION:** "In what areas are you \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_ to God?"

### ✓ Obedience leads to \_\_\_\_\_

(Genesis 22:9-10 NLT) "When they arrived at the place where God had told Abraham to go, he built an altar and placed the wood on it. Then he tied Isaac up and laid him on the altar over the wood. And Abraham took the knife and lifted it up to kill his son as a sacrifice to the LORD."

(Ephesians 5:2) "live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

**CRITICAL QUESTION:** Are you willing to come to the end of \_\_\_\_\_?

### ✓ Sacrifice produces \_\_\_\_\_

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not hurt the boy in any way, for now I know that you truly fear God. You have not withheld even your beloved son from me."

(Luke 23:41-43) We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."

**CRITICAL QUESTION:** "How \_\_\_\_\_ are you to have an \_\_\_\_\_ with God?"

### ✓ Encounters result in \_\_\_\_\_

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(Luke 24:36-39) "While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT) "...those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun!"

**CRITICAL QUESTION:** "In what ways do you need to change to \_\_\_\_\_ more like \_\_\_\_\_?"

## I Will....

1. Stop \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. Give \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
3. Open my life to \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ what I can and let \_\_\_\_\_ do the rest.

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### ✓ Obedience leads to **SACRIFICE**

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**CRITICAL QUESTION:** "How **DESPERATE** are you to have an **ENCOUNTER** with God?"

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**CRITICAL QUESTION:** "In what ways do you need to change to **BECOME** more like **CHRIST**?"

## I Will....

1. Stop **IGNORING** God.
2. **GIVE** everything to God.
3. Open my life to **HIS PRESENCE**
4. **CHANGE** what I can and let GOD do the rest.