

Oxford Baptist Church - October 3, 2021. Pastor Robin W. Pifer
Series: Experiencing God – Message #3 - God initiates. Scripture: Philippians 2:13-14; Psalms 81; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

– George Muller – 19th Century Pastor

God initiates with you so you can join him in the work he is doing.

- Phil 2:13-18
- God's purposes and plans are not our purposes and plans.
- God's ways are not our ways. Psalm 81
- God takes the initiative.
- *When I become God-centred, what can God do?*
- *To be God-centered, what must I seek in every circumstance?*

God invites us to join him in his work.

- God's timing.
- If you're not available to God for the minor assignment, how can you be trusted for the more significant assignment?
- God's revelation or conviction is your invitation to join him in his work.
- John 5:39-40; John 10:10
- 3 Factors to recognize the activity of God around you.
 1. You must be living and walking in an intimate relationship with God.
 2. Pray that God takes the initiative to open your spiritual eyes so you can see what he is doing.
 3. You are to join him where he is working.
- Things only God can do!
- John 6:44; John 14:15 – 17: John 14:26; John 16:8

When God initiates, join him in what he is doing because he wants to complete his work in you.

- *Why is it essential for us to adjust to God's ways than follow our plans?*
- When God sent the message through Isaiah, "indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I purposed it; I will also do it." (Isaiah

46:11). He confirmed that what he initiates, he completes. God says that when he lets his people know what he is about to do, it is as good as done – he will bring it to pass.

- The Truth and Reconciliation we need is found in Jesus Christ, and we are his ambassadors. Therefore, we need to see where God is working and join him in this work.
- **2Cor 5:17-21**
- Phil 1:6 ⁶being confident of this that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- *To live a God-centred life, what must I focus my life on each day? What will God never ask me to do for Him? What was the biggest takeaway from this message for you? First, take time to pray and seek out where God is working. Where do you see God working in your life or the life of others? Now join him in his work.*