



Series: MAN ALIVE

“My Soul Feels Dry”

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John 4:24, Isaiah 55:9*

Questions

1. What is your first recollection of God’s awakening your soul?
2. Which of the following triggers make or have made you feel closest to God, and why?
 - ~ looking across the vastness of the Grand Canyon
 - ~ hearing a sermon that makes you think, *He’s talking directly to me!*
 - ~ listening to a special song
 - ~ staring at a work of art
 - ~ standing in a mountain stream with waders & a fly rod
 - ~ meditating in a holy place
 - ~ gazing at the blazing beauty of a sunrise
 - ~ pondering Hubble Space Telescope pictures
 - ~ studying the laws of physics or microbiology
 - ~ surviving a near-death experience
 - ~ the birth of a child or the death of a parent
 - ~ confronted by devastation in the wake of your sins
 - ~ looking intently into the Word of God
3. If it’s true that you can experience soul-making encounters with God just by showing up, what would you like to do differently?

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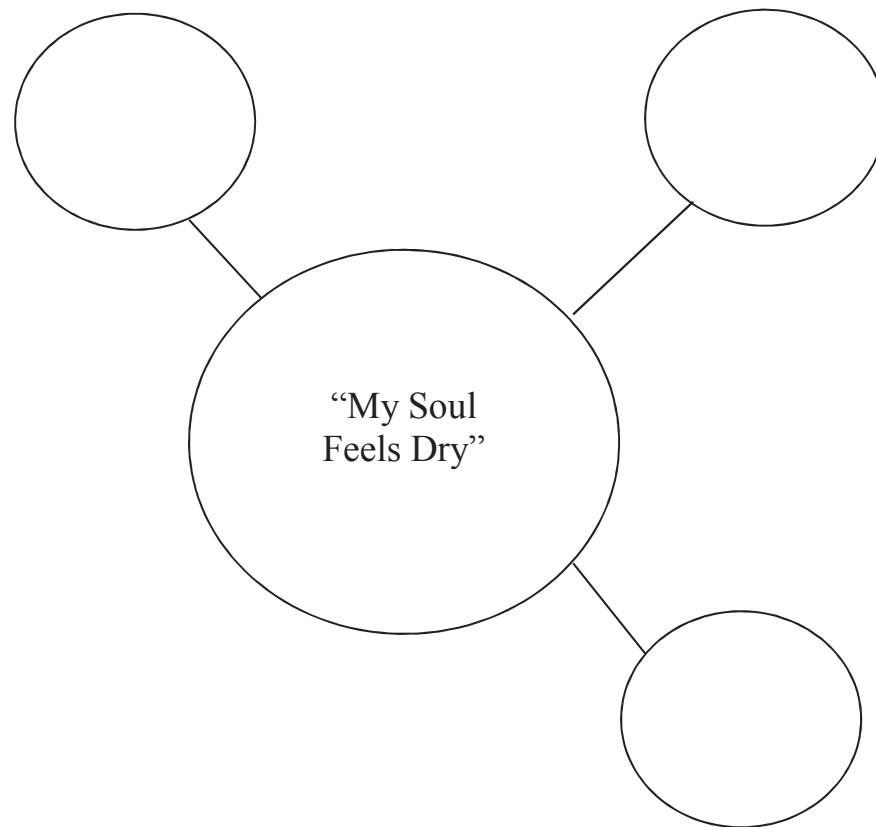
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Note-Taking Outline

The Big Idea: _____



Your “Being Versus Doing” Profile

Think through the following questions, then rate yourself as honestly as you can:

1. Do you think people who spend a lot of time in worship or devotions are goofing off?
RARELY OR NEVER
SOMETIMES
OFTEN
ALWAYS
2. Like Martha, do you confuse distractions with opportunities?
RARELY OR NEVER
SOMETIMES
OFTEN
ALWAYS
3. Do you allow obligations to come between you and your time with God?
RARELY OR NEVER
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ALWAYS
4. Are you worried and upset about many things?
RARELY OR NEVER
SOMETIMES
OFTEN
ALWAYS
5. Do you have so many responsibilities that you feel guilty relaxing with God?
RARELY OR NEVER
SOMETIMES
OFTEN
ALWAYS
6. When you do sit down for a time with God—perhaps to read the Bible, pray, and meditate on the Scriptures—do you feel pressured to hurry up and get through it?
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How did you do? For most men, hanging out with Jesus doesn't come naturally, does it? What did you learn about yourself? And what did it make you want to do differently?