

## **God's Takes the Initiative**

### Unit 2 Day 3 of "Experiencing God"

**In S\_\_\_\_\_ me from s\_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 6)**

● Jesus stated that no one could come to Him unless the Father draws that one (vv. 44,65)

1. Many stopped f\_\_\_\_\_ Him after saying this

a. Most Jews thought they were already saved from sin because they were  
b \_\_\_\_\_ a Jew

b. Most Jews thought that their religious w\_\_\_\_\_ caused God to accept them.

2. Jesus statement means:

a. That it is i\_\_\_\_\_ for anyone to come to faith in Christ on their own  
(no one can come to Me)

b. The Father must take the i\_\_\_\_\_ to draw a person to Christ

1) The word "draw" has one basic meaning – to take something from out of its position

2) Only God can take us out of our sinful condition

● Other Scriptures showing God's initiative (I Jn 4:19; Eph 2:8,9; Jn 6:29)

● Other Scriptures showing the impossibility of coming to faith in Christ on our own (Rom 3:11; 2 Cor 4:4; I Cor 2:14)

**In S\_\_\_\_\_ me for s\_\_\_\_\_ (Phil 2:12,13)**

● Once God saves us, He immediately w\_\_\_\_\_ in us

1. The word, "work," is where we get our word e\_\_\_\_\_

2. God works in us two things:

a. The w\_\_\_\_\_ to do what pleases Him (to will)

b. The p\_\_\_\_\_ to please Him (to work)

● Examples of God taking the initiative in service

(1) Moses - Ex 3                      (3) Gideon – Jg 6

(2) Philip – Acts 8                      (4) The church at Antioch – Acts 13

● Examples of believers trying to take the initiative in service

(1) Moses in striking the r\_\_\_\_\_ (Num 20:8-12)

(2) David in constructing the t\_\_\_\_\_ (2 Sam 7)

(3) Some disciples in casting out a d\_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 17)

**Conclusion: - Let's not make the great mistakes. Respond to God's initiative.**