

WHERE DO I GO FROM HERE?



GET YOURSELF INTO A BIBLE-BELIEVING BIBLE-HERALDING CHURCH

- Hebrews 10:19-31 - "to not forsake the assembling of ourselves"
- Exodus 20:8 - "keep the Sabbath Day Holy"
- Deut. 5:6-22 - 10 Commandments

BURY YOUR NOSE IN THE BIBLE

- Revelation 1:3- "blessed is the one who reads the Word"
- Revelation 22:7 - "blessed is he who keeps the Word"
- Acts 17:11
- 2 Timothy 2:15

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SPIRIT FILLED FRIENDS

- 1 Corinthians 15:33 -
"bad company corrupts good character"

GET ON AN ENCOUNTER

- Acts 9:1-19
- Genesis 40:13 -
"within 3 days...He will restore you"

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Encounter Details

What is an Encounter?

The Encounter retreat is a three-day face-to-face meeting with God. It is an appointment made by two parties. The first of the two parties is you, the person who has set apart three days of your much valued weekend as a sacrifice to get away from all the demands and distractions of life in order to meet with the God and Father of all creation and His son Jesus the Christ. The second party is God, who has determined to introduce himself as an all loving, all providing, Heavenly Father to you. This makes the Encounter a **DIVINE APPOINTMENT** you don't want to miss.

What should I expect?

In just three days, beginning Friday evening and ending Sunday afternoon, you should expect your soul to be filled with the kind of life transforming faith that will enable you to confront whatever mountain that troubles you. Time will be spent allowing us:

- To visit and receive a living revelation of the cross of Calvary
- To be healed of any and all deep seated emotional wounds caused by horrors of life's trauma
- To be equipped with authority and power to confront every demonic adversary that has ever threatened, harassed, or attempted to control and destroy your life
- To be filled with purpose and vision inspired by the power and abiding presence of the Holy Spirit

Who can attend?

The Encounter is geared toward all teens, and adults. The entire family is encouraged to attend as it is done in a conference setting. You do not need to belong to any specific church or religious domination. All that is required of those attending is, 1) a God inspired desperation to see their life changed, 2) a completed registration form which you will receive in the mail. Registration may also be done online. Just visit the website www.HopeAlive.com and click on Final Exit Encounter Registration.

The children's encounter is done separately and will not be held until next year, 2008.

When and where will the encounter be held?

Hosted by Hope Alive Freedom Church, the encounter will be held where Final Exit was located at [2723 W. Pinhook Rd., Lafayette, LA 70508](http://2723.W.Pinhook.Rd.,Lafayette,LA.70508). Registration check-in begins at 6:00 P.M. on Friday evening with the first encounter session to begin at 7:00 P.M. The Encounter will then continue through 3:00 P.M. Sunday afternoon. Regularly scheduled meal breaks will permit you to dine at the nearby restaurants of your choice. Morning sessions will begin promptly as determined by the weekend schedule. Therefore sleeping arrangements should be made by you as to allow your on-time arrival.



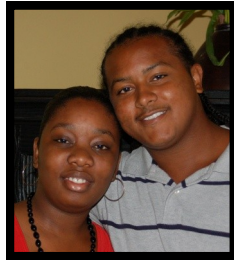
Congratulations!

You made the most single, most important decision a person can ever make during Final Exit. You decided to follow Jesus. You decided to make Him Lord of your life and turn away from all those self-centered and self-destructive ways of your old life. You experienced 30 minutes of extreme reality during Final Exit but what do you do next? You get yourself on a 3-day extreme Encounter with God.

Tell Me More

- **What** - A three day, power packed, life changing, face to face encounter with God.
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- **Who** - Men, Women, and Youth (13 & up)
- **When** - November 30th - December 2nd
Check-in begins @ 6:00 p.m. on Friday evening.
- **Where** - [2723 W. Pinhook Rd. Lafayette, LA 70508](#)
- **What To Bring** - A Bible, notebook and pen
- **Cost** - \$15.00 for an individual
\$25.00 for a family (immediate family only)
Cost increases by \$10 at the door.
- **Contact Info** - Office: (337) 267 -7880
Web Site: www.hopealive.com
- **Why** - God has a miracle for your life. He has healing and restoration for you no matter where you come from or what you did. Here are a few testimonies from people that are just like you that God changed on an Encounter.

Encounter Testimonies



AL & TERRICA'S STORY

"Coming from New Orleans was a big transformation for me and my family. We had to leave everything and everyone we had ever known. We could only hope that we would see them again. Little did we know that the Lord had something very special for us.

Upon fleeing New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina, my boyfriend and I went in different directions to connect with family members. Al was in Texas looking for his mother and received word that she was staying in the Hope Alive Shelter/Church in Broussard, Louisiana.

When Al got to the shelter, he found his mother and was shown much love. He was so happy he cried tears of joy. Shortly thereafter, he came to Alexandria to get the kids and me.

Our family stayed in Lafayette and we attended church at Hope Alive. Al and I (and other family members) went to an Encounter. We got married and got our life right with God. Hope Alive helped change our lives. Miraculous things have happened to us; we are now the proud owners of two businesses. We came from nothing to something!"

SHELLY'S STORY



"I came to Hope Alive in 2004 and I was a complete mess. My life and the choices I had made had led me into complete turmoil. I hated my life and wanted it to end. My mom was diagnosed with cancer, my son and I had a horrible relationship because I didn't want to raise him.

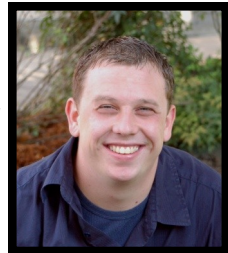
I was addicted to drugs, alcohol, and a homosexual lifestyle. I was encouraged to seek God and go on an Encounter weekend.

When I went I just wanted God to change everything about me and my circumstances.

At the Encounter I was able to forgive the many people in my life who had hurt me including my son's father, who I didn't even know. I was able to overcome drugs, alcohol, and homosexuality. I was filled with God's presence because of that powerful weekend. I have resisted the wrong choices and have been able to make right choices.

After the Encounter, my mother died. If God had not found me and if I had not gone to the Encounter, I know I would not have been able to make it through that circumstance. I am totally in love with God and He is teaching me how to raise my son correctly. I love my son Rylee, and I see that God sent him to me to love me like no one else can. I found true joy, happiness and my purpose in life. I thank God and Hope Alive for the Encounter of a lifetime!"

BRUCE'S STORY



"Before I had a personal Encounter with Jesus my life was of no value to me. I was depressed, empty, and bound to a life of crime and addiction. I chose

to believe that there was no hope for my life. I was prepared to spend the rest of my life in prison or just die. It did not matter to me; I thought I was just too far gone to turn back.

When the time came for my Encounter, I was prepared to do anything to change. I was tired of hurting my family, tired of going to jail and tired of being the person that I was not born to be. I was expecting my life to change, not just my circumstances, but to truly change on the inside.

After I went on my Encounter, it was like a miracle. It was everything I was hoping for and much more. God healed me from the inside out. I have not touched any drugs since the Encounter weekend. It has been almost four years since my Encounter and my life has been completely restored. I live a life today that I could have only dreamed about before!"



ED & TRACY'S STORY

"My wife and I had been married for fifteen tumultuous years, when we determined that our marriage was over. At this point, we were both defeated, demoralized, and had no desire to fight for a marriage that had been a roller coaster ride.

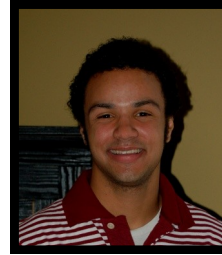
After coming home one day following a huge fight and seeing the hurt in the eyes of my wife that I was responsible for, we decided that something in our lives had to change. We committed to visit the church of a childhood friend that had invited us on several occasions. We both grew up Catholic and were somewhat apprehensive about this decision, but were compelled to make a change in our lives.

Upon visiting Hope Alive two weeks later, we both made a decision to accept Jesus into our lives. Three weeks after this, we attended our first Encounter where we experienced a life-altering change. While planning to attend the Encounter, we had very little expectations. It was illogical to think that one weekend could repair so many years of bad decisions. Ironically, the one thing we individually asked God was "fix him", "fix her".

The weekend was a relaxed, but intense time of teaching, prayer, and reflection of a life that was less than perfect. Openness, brokenness, forgiveness, deliverance, and inner healing were among the teachings that culminated into a personal Encounter with God that would never allow us to be the same. It was an Encounter that would radically change the way we lived, as well as change our priorities. It soon became apparent that by healing each of us, God would heal our marriage.

It has been almost six years since we attended that first Encounter and I am excited to report that we are still committed to God and Hope Alive. God has repaired our lives, our marriage, and our children. While it has required hard work and a lot of prayer, we both can testify that it has been worth it!"

DESMON'S STORY



"Well before I gave my life to Jesus I grew up just following the crowd, doing what everybody else was doing. I wanted to be cool and accepted by everybody. At sixteen, I was introduced to drugs and alcohol. I got drunk almost every weekend with my friends; I used to steal, as well, to try to impress my friends.

I was a lost child trying to find my purpose. I hated my parents and would fight with my mom all the time. I ran away from home or just left and didn't come back until I felt like it. I had a temper and anger problems as well. I used to beat on my eight year old brother like he was my age. I treated him horribly. My home life was messed up. I used to talk about people; clown them and make fun of them.

Then, I went on the Encounter. Over the Encounter weekend, God completely set me free from drugs, from the party lifestyle I used to live, and also all the junk in my life. Also, I forgave my dad who I had not seen in ten years, for all the stuff he did. I repented for the way I treated him.

God accepted me as I was and gave me my true purpose in life. After I left the Encounter, my mom and my brother got saved after they saw what God did inside of me. Now today I'm nineteen years old, a leader in my church, the dance team leader for our church in Arnaudville and I'm never going back to my old life!"

These are just a few of the many testimonies of lives changed by an Encounter with God. Many of them thought that their lives had no purpose or direction. These miracles are not limited to certain people but are available to all who believe Jesus and trust their lives to Him. Call **Hope Alive Freedom Church** at (337) 267-7880 to find out more information and the locations of upcoming Encounters or check out our website at www.hopealive.com. It's time to:

**Encounter God
&
Engage in the Battle**



Pastors Bobby & Shannon Richard

What is an Encounter?

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17