

WAR DEPARTMENT
BASIC TRAINING
The Alert Soldier

EXCUSING YOURSELF

“It is easy enough to excuse yourself to hell, but you cannot excuse yourself to heaven.”
D.L. Moody

WARM UP

Martin Luther, the great reformer, found that the devotional life was not always simple. He wrote, “When I would speak and pray to God by myself a hundred thousand hindrances at once intervened before I could get to it [prayer]. Then the devil can throw all sorts of reasons for delay into my path”



BACKGROUND

Our spending time with God and hearing from God starts with a decision. To seek the face of God in the language of the times is to plead for His help, favour, or mercy.



READ Psalm 27:7-8

QUESTIONS FOR INTERACTION



1. What can circumstances do to affect our communication with God?
2. How do we clear our heads to enhance our communication with God?

3. Everyone who is a follower of Jesus hears from Him (John 10:27).
How do you hear?

CONSIDER THIS

“To have found God and still pursue Him is the soul’s paradox of love.”
(A.W. Tozer)

Proverbs 21:21 “He who follows righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness and honour”

WRAP-UP Share with the group some of the ways that you have tried to have a special time with God and how these have worked or not worked for you.



IT'S TIME FOR PRAYER

RESPONSE AS A PROMISE KEEPER

I will make a decision not bound by circumstances to walk with God.

Decide who you will talk with about God’s love this week.