

# **IMMANUEL JOURNALING QUESTION GUIDE**

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# Joyn Scherks Immanuel Journaling Question Guide

#### Immanuel Journaling Exercise

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**STEP ONE** — **Gratitude**. Write anything I appreciate and then write God's response to my gratitude.

Dear God, I'm thankful for ....

Dear child of mine ....

**STEP TWO**—**I can see you.** Write from God's perspective what he observes in you right now, including your physical sensations.

I can see you at your desk. Your breathing is shallow and your shoulders are tight ....

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STEP THREE — I can hear you. Write from God's perspective what he hears you saying to yourself.

You are wondering if I will speak to you and how you would ever know. You are discouraged and tired .... OR: You woke up full of energy this morning. You are ready to take on the world. Your mind is buzzing ....

STEP FOUR — I understand how big this is for you. How does God see your dreams, blessings or upsets and troubles?

I want you to know that I care about what matters to you. Your desire to honor me brings me great pleasure .... OR: I understand how intimidated you feel. This situation feels all-consuming to you as if you are about to sink ....

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**STEP FIVE** — I am glad to be with you and treat your weakness tenderly. *How does God express his desire to participate with your life?* 

Your dreams are precious to me. I fill you with life each day and really enjoy your desire to .... OR: I see your discouragement after yelling again. Times when you are frustrated and tired are when I want to be closer to you ....

STEP SIX — I can do something about what you are going through. What does God give you for this time?

Come away with me. I offer you times of refreshing, new energy and vision .... OR: I will strengthen you. Remember how your friend encouraged you last week? With me you are not alone ....

STEP SEVEN — Read what you have written aloud (preferably to someone.)