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- 2. An Encounter with God’s Power**
- 3. An Encounter with God’s Spirit**
- 4. An Evidence of Full Conviction**
- 5. An Involvement by God’s People**

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