

Never Alone Anymore The Gift of Presence – Part 3

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Introduction

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV) Fear not, for I am with you, be not dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Psalms 23:4 (ESV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

1. Trust God When His Way Surprises You

Matthew 1:18 (ESV) Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:19–20 (ESV) And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly, but as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.”

Proverbs 3:5–6 (ESV) Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Philippians 4:6–7 (ESV) Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to

God, and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2. Receive Jesus as the Savior Who is With You

Matthew 1:21 (ESV) She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.

John 1:29 (ESV) The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!”

1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV) The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

3. Live Every Day Aware That God is With You

Matthew 1:22–23 (ESV) All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which means, God with us.”

Hebrews 13:5–6 (ESV) Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper, I will not fear, what can man do to me?”

Romans 8:38–39 (ESV) For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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1. In what ways can people believe in God yet still feel alone or distant from Him in daily life?
2. What does this passage reveal about who God is and how His presence invites us to respond in worship? (Psalm 24:7–8)
3. How does knowing that God is with you change the way you face fear, worry, or uncertainty? (Isaiah 41:10)
4. Why does God's presence bring comfort even when the valley or circumstances do not immediately change? (Psalm 23:4)

1. Trust God When His Way Surprises You.

1. What does this verse teach us about how God can work in ways that interrupt or surprise our plans? (Matthew 1:18)
2. How do Joseph's actions show trust and obedience even when he does not fully understand what God is doing? (Matthew 1:19–20)
3. What does it look like in real life to trust God with all your heart instead of leaning on your own understanding? (Proverbs 3:5–6)
4. When unexpected situations arise in your family or personal life, how can you intentionally pause, pray, and invite God to guide your response?

2. Receive Jesus as the Savior Who is With You.

1. Why is it significant that Jesus came specifically to save His people from their sins? (Matthew 1:21)
2. What does calling Jesus the Lamb of God teach us about how our sin is forgiven and removed? (John 1:29)
3. How does this verse shape the way we see ourselves and our need for grace through Jesus? (1 Timothy 1:15)
4. How can receiving and living in God's forgiveness change the atmosphere of your home and the way you extend grace to others?

3. Live Every Day Aware That God Is With You.

1. What does the name Immanuel reveal about God's long term desire to be present with His people? (Matthew 1:22–23)
2. How does the promise that God will never leave or forsake you affect your sense of security and contentment? (Hebrews 13:5–6)
3. What comfort and confidence do you find in knowing that nothing can separate you from God's love in Christ? (Romans 8:38–39)
4. What daily habits or family practices could help you live more consciously aware of God's presence each day?

Conclusion.

1. Where in your life right now do you most need to reach back and trust that God's hand is already there?
2. How would your fears, decisions, or relationships change if you truly believed and lived as though you were never alone anymore?