

The Promise of God's Presence

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- God's presence in you neutralizes the pressure of this world around you.

- God's presence gives you purpose in life.

2 Corinthians 4:7-8 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

- The more of His presence you take in, the less impact the pressure has.

Genesis 2:7 Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being

Acts 17:25 nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things

Job 27:3 And the breath of God is in my nostrils

Isaiah 42:5 Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it

- You find His presence...

- In the Word.

Psalm 119:11 I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

❖ Keeps you on the right road.

❖ Nourishes your soul.

- In worship.

- In prayer.

Isaiah 56:7 I will bring these people to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer.

- In community.

Matthew 18:20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

- In the Holy Spirit.

❖ Removes the empty space and fills it with power.

- In church.

Matthew 16:18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

❖ "And the gates of hell will not prevail." It keeps hell out of your home.