

GOD IS WITH ME

Like a Child Series -2

Isa 41:10; Heb 13:5

Last week we looked at “My God Is For Me.”

I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Mark 10:15

Presence of God perspective of a child—omnipresence
Not just everywhere—impersonal—personal—with us!

Personal presence makes all the difference to a child!

Parent in the house—parent in the room! Not scared as long as they can see mom or dad.

He Was There All the Time

The son of an Indian chief had reached the age when he had to prove he was a man. Part of the testing required him to spend a night alone in a forest inhabited by wild animals. All through the night the wild animals gathered around the boy, growling and snarling. If he ran away, he would fail the test. Even though he was frightened, he was determined to stay.

Finally the dawn began to break, and the night shadows began to disappear. The animals slunk away. As the boy began looking around in the morning light, much to his surprise he saw his father stationed behind him with an arrow fixed in his bow. Unknown to the boy, his father had been there all the time to protect his son from harm.

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- **MY GOD IS WITH ME. (Emphasis: Immanuel)**

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isa 41:10

Count the “I’s”

The reason why fear is unnecessary is initially found in the two motive clauses that explain that “I am with you” and “I am your God” (41:10). Both contain the personal pronoun “I” (ʿānî) to emphasize God’s personal commitment and presence.

The idol makers tried to encourage each other. But God is the one who encourages his people. They are to stop being afraid, for He is with them. They are to stop looking this way and that as

if in fear, not knowing where to find help and safety. He is their God. He promised to help them and uphold them with his righteous right hand. He will carry out his righteous purpose with mighty power.

Righteous Right Hand... Jesus... Authority

Note the close relationship being stressed here: v.13

41:11–13 God’s presence and strengthening will result in the defeat of the enemies

Kinsman Redeemer v.14 Heb “your kinsman redeemer.” A גאֵל (ga'al, “kinsman redeemer”) was a protector of the extended family's interests.

New Testament: Heb 13:5 Your **conduct** must be free from the love of money and you must be content with what you have, for he has said, “*I will never leave you and I will never abandon you.*”

A quotation from Deut 31:6, 8.

Look at the first part... Conduct=Tropos... conversation... way ... lifestyle...

We are to TRUST in God’s Presence and Promise...

Example: doing something scary...

Our primary focus is not on worldly wealth or possessions, but on the spiritual wealth possessed in Jesus Christ, particularly in the Lord's promise never to leave His people (Joshua 1:5; also Matthew 28:20).

When something you do seemingly fails in the eyes of the world you can know ...

4 sure things—if have really put God first.

1. The setback [last week] is temporary. God will help and strengthen and even teach him through the trying times.
2. God will work all things out for good, for the believer loves God and has been called by God (Romans 8:28f).
3. God will see to it that the necessities of life are given him.
4. God has much better things in store for him—eternally. The believer has been faithful in his work, so God will reward him as a faithful servant, even if his labor has failed in the eyes of the world.

You must remember just one thing: hold God's Promise—God is with you. If you put God first, God will hold you up now and eternally.

Don't worry what will happen TO me b/c I know God is WITH me.

God's desires fellowship with humanity. This is made known by his calling to all people to be his own and to live a life that reflects his holiness and love. To know God is not merely to know things about him, such as his character, but also to experience his presence and power.

God is with me—Don't feel him!

4 WAYS TO HAVE A MOMENT WITH GOD?

Just because God is with you doesn't mean you are with him.

- **TALK TO HIM.**

Intimidated by prayer—What do you call God?

Prayer meetings

Bored

Hear my prayer, O God; listen to the words of my mouth. Psalm 54:2

Conversational prayer—like texting.

Do not worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand... Phil 4:6-7 NLT

- **LISTEN TO HIM.**

..Listen to (God's) voice, and hold fast to him. For the Lord is your life... Deut 30:20

Speaks thru his word, people, circumstance, spirit

STOP TALKING—listen... journal, write.

In ear monitor at an interrogation... healing preachers...

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, ‘This is the way; walk in it.’” Isaiah 30:21

- **RECEIVE FROM HIM.**

Kid receives
Strength weak, Guide lost, Courage afraid, Rest weary

Praise be to the... God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles... 2 Cor 1:3-4

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you... Isa 66:13

- **ENJOY HIS PRESENCE.**

Good times are better with someone you love. Doing thing together is always better with someone you love.

MB and the Gaylord Palms!

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. Psalm 16:11

Ongoing awareness of his presence

Prov 8:30 I was filled with delight day after day, rejoicing always in his presence.

If you can have a moment with God where you truly do realize, "He's with me!" if you have a moment with God, guess what else you could have? ... minute ... hour... day... week... month... year...

Married couple in the pickup truck... wife why don't we sit close like we used to... husband driving said... "I haven't moved..."

No question God is with you— are you with him?

Ps 139:7-10 Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? 8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. 9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, 10 even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Fragrance Of His Presence

Dr. Charles Weigle composed the favorite “No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus.” One day he visited Pasadena, California. Early that morning he had an opportunity to walk through some of the famous rose gardens when the full fragrance of the flowers filled the air.

Later in the day he arrived at the hotel where a Bible conference was being held. As he took his seat, a man turned to him and said, “Dr. Weigle, I know where you’ve been. You toured one of our lovely gardens, for I can smell the pleasing aroma on your clothing.” “My prayer is that I may walk so closely with the Lord that the fragrance of His grace will pervade my being. I want them to know by my words, actions, and songs that I have been with Jesus.”

—H. G. Bosch

Prayer: