

Living in Our God's Presence

Consider this: if Jesus is with us during times of temptation, would we give in? Imagine God suddenly appearing next to us, or picture turning around to see Jesus watching us. Do you think the literal presence of the Lord would stop us from sinning? **James 1:14-15:** *"each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death."* In truth, He's with us in every situation. God is omnipresent, and His presence has no limits. He is just as close as He would be if we could see Him. He exists everywhere in the created universe, filling every part of space with His entire being at the same time because He is the Creator of time and space, fully present everywhere simultaneously. God's universal presence provides us with what we need most: comfort and guidance in times of trouble, illness, or any other challenge or difficulty. We desire and have a God who lives with us, understands us, and knows what it's like to live as we do. **Hebrews 4:13:** *"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him to whom we must answer."* Wherever we go, God is already there. Whatever we do, He is with us. So, if we are contemplating something that we know will take us away from God's plan for our lives, take a moment and think carefully about it, because we are bringing God into that situation. He's already present. He is everywhere, and when we're tempted, we shouldn't run from Him; we should run to Him. There's no better way to combat sin and temptation in our lives than by meditating on God's presence and reminding ourselves of how close He is to us. **Deuteronomy 31:8:** *"It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."* God is always with His children, offering constant companionship and support. He opens pathways where there seem to be none and will never abandon or desert us. As His children, we are encouraged not to fear or be intimidated by challenges, knowing God's unwavering presence and power are with us always. If you don't have a relationship with God, open your heart and invite Jesus Christ into your life, and God will respond. He will never turn anyone away who asks for His presence. Tell Him that you honestly don't know how to get through life without His presence. Just pray: Heavenly Father, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I ask You to cleanse me from all sin. I want to be reconciled with God the Father. I desire to live as a child of the King. I pray that God's amazing grace will heal my wounded soul and remove the stain of sin caused by my foolish choices. Today, I receive Jesus as my Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.