

Series: "THE PROMISE OF CHRISTMAS"
Part 1: "THE PROMISE OF HIS PRESENCE"
Crossroads Community Church
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²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").
Matthew 1:22-23 (NIV)

What you need most this Christmas: _____

²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."
Exodus 33:20 (NIV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning.
John 1:1-2 (NIV)

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
John 1:14 (NIV)

God's Plan to Dwell with His People



¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known.
John 1:17-18 (NIV)

¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God
John 1:12 (NIV)

Two Ways to Experience More of God's Presence in Your Life

1. _____ Jesus

⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.
James 4:8 (ESV)

But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
"Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine."
Isaiah 43:1 (ESV)

2. _____ to God

- Invest _____ in the _____
- _____ your _____ in his presence
- _____ him
- Celebrate the _____ together

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."
1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (NIV)

²⁵ In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
1 Corinthians 11:25-26 (NIV)