

STAY CLOSE #8 – SPIRIT

Proverbs 3; John 14; Romans 8:11

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Sunday a.m.

SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE

SLIDE 2 – STAY CLOSE – PROMISE & PRESENCE – 2022

- Not a fearful “stay close” THINK: invitation to **dwelling** (the shadow of Most High)
- God’s PROMISES (Who He is, what He does;) & PRESENCE (never leave you)
 - Esp. significant in uncertain & challenging times
- Torah/God’s law & commandments → walk in God’s ways → blessing & life
- Lots of focus on orienting our lives to God’s ways & means → this is the WAY
- Events of his week – lots of fear/uncertainty: What will happen? Message tweak

SLIDES 3-6 – PROVERBS 3:1-8

SLIDE 7 – WISDOM: TRUST & OBEY

- Wisdom books/literature – Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
 - *Don’t forget my teaching; keep in heart* → *prolong life, peace, prosperity*
 - *Love (mercy, kindness, goodness) & faithfulness (truth, stable, reliable)*
 - Inscribed on your heart → favor/good name w/God & man
 - *Trust Lord w/all heart (undivided loyalty); lean (put your weight on; entrust self to own understanding (my way of interpreting, valuing, & walking out) life*
 - *in ALL ways submit (know, reveal self to God) & He will make path straight (direct, guidance, remove deception, illuminate pitfalls, etc.)*
 - More than embracing *correct* behaviors/thinking → way of life
 - More than willpower & white-knuckling through life
- HOW are we supposed to do it then?

SLIDE 8 – WE ARE NOT ALONE

- Dark days – uncertainty, fear, wars/threats/rumors of war, scarcity, lack, etc...
- **Zechariah 4:6** – Zerubbabel – How supposed to accomplish impossible task of rebuilding temple? *“This is the Word of the Lord: Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty. “What are you, mighty mountain? Before (my people) you will become level ground...”*
- O.T. – HS fell upon people for specific times/tasks
- N.T. – HS to remain, live/dwell within, empower, etc...
 - God’s answer to ALL our questions of HOW do we do this?
 - Immanu’El – God WITH us – 3rd part of Trinity
- Results of walking in His ways/obeying? We get His PRESENCE WITH us

SLIDES 9-12 – JOHN 14:23-27

SLIDE 13 – GOD WITH US

- Walking with/having God w/us (make His home in us) by-product of obedience
- The Advocate/HS – teach you ALL things/remind you of everything Jesus said
- → peace of Christ – left/deposited/given to us – can’t be withdrawn

- Don't let your hearts (center of lives) be troubled/do not be afraid

SLIDE 14 – HOLY SPIRIT: GOD LIVING IN US

- **John 14/15/16** – I won't leave you as orphans – I will give you the HS – deposit of Jesus' imminent return
 - HS to be with you; empower you; lead you into ALL truth; remind you of what Jesus said/taught; convict of sin, righteousness & judgment; testify about Jesus
- **John 20:21-23** – Jesus & the disciples: He breathes on them: Receive the HS
- **Acts 1:8** – days & times? Not for you to know, BUT: you will receive power when HS comes upon you, & you will be my witnesses...
- **Acts 2:42-47** – empowered church; teaching, fellowship, eating together, prayer (this is the life of the Christ-follower)

SLIDE 15 – ROMANS 8:11

- **Romans 8:11** – the same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives IN us, at work in us, will bring LIFE to us

SLIDE 16 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

- What do we take away as the 'point'? Life application?
- What does it look like, lived out, to trust in Lord w/all heart & not lean on own understanding?
- Where am I anxious/afraid/worried?
- Prayer for HS to fill/refill us w/HS power – what we need for today

SLIDE 17 – STAY CLOSE – 2022

- Stay close to Jesus
- Be flexible/open to God-directed change
- Be prepared – when God says "Get ready"
- Be strong & very courageous – God is WITH us
- Be careful to obey all we know to obey

SLIDE 18 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27

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