

THE SAME: PRESENCE – #6

Heb. 13:8; Mat 28:18-20; Jn 14:15-18

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SLIDE 1 – COVER SLIDE – *I am an overthinker; keep it simple as its intended to be*

SLIDE 2 – HEBREWS 13:8 – JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME...

SLIDE 3 – THE SAME...

- SAME?: Something that is **consistent, dependable, reliable, unyielding, unchanging, faithful, enduring, stable, secure, steadfast, etc...**
- Jesus Christ the Same – what does that mean to us?
 - The answer ALWAYS is “cry out to Jesus” – dependable, faithful, good

SLIDE 4 – GOD **WITH US**

- Promise of God – He will be WITH us – never leave us, never forsake us
 - He is the initiator of & the maintainer of relationship WITH us
 - **Matt 1:26** – *virgin will give birth to a Son; Name will be called Immanu’El* → ‘God WITH us’ – this is who Christ is... the ‘in-the-flesh’ manifestation of the Living God – He is WITH us; Holy Spirit is WITH us

SLIDES 5-10 – DEUT 31:7,8; PS 9:10, 37:25-28; HEB 13:5

SLIDE 11 – WE ARE NEVER ALONE

- These scriptures in addition to tons from Torah, Psalms, Proverbs, prophets
 - They rehearse the fact/reality of the SAMENESS of God’s character & His promises to us – He will NEVER leave us or forsake us... no matter what
- **Cassidy – facts of the matter** – SAMENESS = *truth*, regardless of what we feel

SLIDE 12 – BUT WHAT ABOUT...?

- ...when we FEEL like God isn’t around? Is far away? Doesn’t care?
- ...when God isn’t/doesn’t SEEM to be talking/answering prayers?
- ...when it SEEMS life is falling apart?
 - Emotions – frustrated, afraid, lonely, isolated, in pain, etc...
 - Circumstances – negative, cascading, cause/effect, etc...

SLIDES 13 – PSALM 23:3b-4

- The Lord is my shepherd – committed to care for, protect, lead, guide, restore
- The rod & staff (corrective elements) are proof of God’s love – He disciplines those He loves
- EVEN when I walk THROUGH the valley of the shadow – I fear NO evil; you are WITH me – Your rod & staff comfort me

SLIDE 14 – THE PSALMS & THE PROPHETS

- **PSALMS** – songbook (conversations) of ‘real-talk’ to & with God, for His people
 - Addresses our emotions/feelings, thoughts, circumstances, w/TRUTH
 - **Psalm 22** – My God... why have You forsaken me? READ IT
- **PROPHETS** – God speaking to/interacting with His people prophetically

- Prophets & kings – the role of the prophet is to provide Insights to God’s character, motivation, the WAY of blessing, keep on track, etc...
 - Remind Israel/God’s people of truth, call to repent & return
 - ...land & worship – can’t have one w/o the other → God restores

SLIDES 15-17 – MATTHEW 28:18-20

SLIDE 18 – JESUS IS (& ALWAYS WILL BE) WITH YOU

- Great Commission – communicates ongoing, connected, & committed relationship between Christ & us
 - Jesus is the establisher & maintainer of our relationship with Him
 - We’re given the mission (as you go, DISCIPLE, BAPTIZE, TEACH in the Name of Jesus
 - We’re not alone – Jesus is WITH us – never leave or forsake us

SLIDES 19,20 – JOHN 14:15-18

SLIDE 21 – HOLY SPIRIT: NEVER ALONE

- For us, followers, staying in relationship w/Christ = walking WITH Him
 - Love Christ? Obey His commands – **1John 5**
- HS to be given to Christ’s followers – b/c Christ asked Father to do so
 - HS to be WITH us & to live IN us – deposit of God’s goodness
 - Lead into truth, remind what Jesus said, convict of sin/righteousness, teach us all things, witness of relationship with God through Christ...

SLIDE 22 – WHAT ARE WE DOING WITH THIS?

SLIDE 23 – THE BLESSING – NUMBERS 6:22-27

- **Numbers 6:22-27** *The LORD bless you & keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you & be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you & give you peace.” So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them.”*

SLIDE 24 – PRAYER IS AVAILABLE