



# DAY 1: God Is Always Present

KNOW IT!

**1 Corinthians 4:7-11, 16-18**

**7But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. 11 For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh...**

**16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.**

**Isaiah 41:10**

**"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."**

**Matthew 28:20b**

**"I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

Paul knew that no matter what situation he found himself in—whether imprisoned, shipwrecked, beaten, or abandoned—God was with him. He didn't measure God's presence by comfort or convenience but by God's promises. When Paul was alone in a Roman prison, he could still write with bold confidence because he trusted that God had not left his side.

This promise of presence extends to us. In our darkest hours, God remains closer than our breath. His nearness isn't conditional on our perfection or performance. His Spirit indwells every believer, offering comfort, conviction, and guidance. Like Paul, we must learn to see our circumstances through the lens of God's faithful companionship. It's not a question of whether God is near—it's whether we are listening for His voice.

### LIVE IT! SHARE IT!

- In what ways have you forgotten or ignored God's presence during times of trouble? Reframe your difficulties by acknowledging that God is with you in them, not just watching from afar.
  - Set aside 10 minutes today to sit quietly before God. Acknowledge His presence, and thank Him for never leaving your side.
- Look for an opportunity today to share with someone else about a time when God, as a faithful friend, was there for you during a difficult situation.

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