

Title: When Presence is Priority

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Topic Sentence: Our hunger for more of God's presence will increase and is designed to purge us from... fear of Man, arrogance that leads to criticism, and fear of Process.

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goodness
one of the things that I love to do
is not be in a hurry in the presence of the Lord
and just let him minister to us
I see so many people that um
don't know how vital the presence of the Lord
in their life is
trying to solve problems and other means and um
intellectual and
there's nothing wrong with the brilliant brain
that God gave us but sometimes
there's things that can only be decided
in his presence only his presence can fix or um
download or whatever
I've just been hearing for you this week
it's just like Bobby you can say all kinds of things
but sometimes only carpet time will do
that makes sense anybody know what carpet time is
raise your hand if you know what carpet time is
carpet time is just when you get alone with the Lord
whether it's in your house or right here
and just get in his presence
just lay down in his presence
and just allow the Lord to saturate you
with the fullness of who he is
um
I get an opportunity to be in great meetings
throughout the week
and some of them are business oriented
and some of them are
what we would call church oriented
and I just don't think
the church is limited to the four walls
so just everywhere we go
we try to carry God's presence and just say Lord
how can your presence um
operate here how can it work best and serve people

and I just see how the Lord loves people so well
that he loves to be in mergers and acquisitions
I remember helping a large company with acquisition
and they were doing a merger at the same time
as a matter of fact and I just knew that my role was
not only to help in that transition
um but also the son of the dad who started the company
he was stepping into the lead role in this transition
and I knew
especially since these guys didn't know the Lord
that my role was just to carry presents
and so in every board meeting
I just get there a few minutes early and I just go Lord
just show up
these guys don't know how to call on your name
and this board meeting will go so well
this transition will go amazing if you just show up
so I just invite you here and Lord
let it be so tangible
let it be so amazing that they ask questions about it
that they're like okay
we've been in board meetings before
but this is different what is different about this
and as we begin to get into these series of meetings
and I just um
was retained to help with the transition
they noticed something different and I noticed um
that the owner the main
the
the main owner who was retiring and transitioning out
he kept looking at me going
I could almost read his thoughts
like there's something different here
what's going on
and I kept him sort of in the corner of my eye
not sure whether he was liking what's going on
or how he was gonna
respond to the presence of the Lord
cause not everybody responds favorably
but I just kept saying under my tongue and just
or in my spirit you need this you need this
not only in this transition
but like for the rest of your life
and this leader was strong
he had huge cruise that he was over
he had to be strong in order to run these crews
he was a man's man and he knew the way he liked it

and by the end of these series of meetings
he pulled me aside
I think that the second to the end and he goes Bobby
there's something different
I've been watching you and he goes
I can't figure out what it is and I just need to know
and he just leaned into me and he goes
your secret sauce
and I said
I've been waiting seven weeks now for you to ask
and he goes what is it
and I said are you sure
you wanna know and he goes
I've been watching you for seven
I've been holding this question for seven weeks
of course I wanna bleep and know
and I was like sir
my secret sauce is a man named Jesus
and I've been praying for you
and all the hundreds of people that look to you
during this transition the last seven weeks
we've got one more week
and you need to enter into a new phase of life
with a new spring in your step
with a new peace and joy
and all of your crew needs what I carry
and I knew that
more than just the experience that I have
in mergers and acquisitions
that that's what you needed the most
and so I'm just here to serve you
and it goes how does that work
and I said how has it been working
and he goes these last seven weeks have been incredible
clarity peace
and he just described he started describing
the attributes of the presence of the Lord
and I didn't even need to
and I said
how many times do you been in something this large
and had it like that he goes never
and I said well
then
you just described what the presence of the Lord does
and he goes
that's phenomenal
and by the last week he came to me afterwards

pulled me aside again and he goes
you intrigue me how do I know this Jesus
and everybody exited the room
and I got to lead this man to the Lord
huge huge day for his life
huge day for his life
what he didn't know
and what I didn't know is that within about 30 days
he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer
and he went to heaven like this close to not making it
and something God was doing
and it all had to do with presence
it all had to do with like
me carrying presence outside of the four walls
of anything we do here
and I know you all have your own story
and I just wanted to talk about the reality today
of the presence of the Lord
and just that foundation that we love
what I'm praying for you is that when you get here
when your kiddos get here
when you come on the campus
that everything changes
as soon as your tires hit the pavement
and come into this environment
that you're just saturated with the presence
whether you can put your finger on
exactly what he's doing or not is
is not my concern it's just that you enjoy his presence
and his presence manifest all kinds of different ways
some need healing some need freedom
some is just
need a rest
from the million thoughts that are happening
some need to cry they just need to cry
they don't know why they get here
and they just cry
some need to hear something out of the word
some need an encouragement from one of you
a word that you speak over
some of them need our prophetic team
some that come on our free food market just need food
but they need food in the presence
not just food
and we just say no matter what we're doing
what happens when you prioritize presence
and I never wanna forget that

cause it's super easy to do
I don't care what we're doing
we're leading worship we're we're ministering
we're talking how do we prioritize presence
and intentionally carry that presence wherever we go
and so

I just wanted to run through some scriptures with you
and just enjoy the presence of the Lord today
however he wants to manifest
so turning your Bibles to Psalm 96
Psalm 96

and we just thank you Lord for your presence
it's just sometimes
as quick as just acknowledging that
he's here in our midst cause that's what his word says
other two or three are gathered

I am there in the midst of you
so Psalm 96 we'll start at verse 11

it says this
let the heavens rejoice and let the earth be glad
let the sea resound and all that's in it
let the fields be jubilant and everything in them
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy
let all creation rejoice before the Lord why
for he comes let's just say that
for he comes so you had all of heaven rejoicing
you had all of earth to be glad
you had all the sea resounding
the fields jubilant everything that is in them
all the trees the forest were singing for joy
all creation rejoicing before the Lord why
for he comes

that's just the promise of his presence
that the world everything would be in harmony
everything would rejoice everything would do better
even plants and trees

and things that you can't see would be going oh
he's here he's here
every living thing did you get that
everything that's alive would respond to his presence
cause everything alive was created in his presence
yeah you

you think it's new age that trees respond with joy
is that weird to you it's very Bible
it's very Bible that all the fields
and the heavens and the earth and the trees
let the fields be jubilant

like what does that even look like
let the fields be jubilant
let all of creation rejoice before the Lord
for he comes he comes to judge the earth
for he will judge the world in righteousness
but he will judge his people in faithfulness
wow

I mean that's a reason to shout
that's a reason to praise
that's a reason to understand
that there's power in his presence
like the reason why all of creation can be exuberant
is because he comes for he comes
that was the promise
throughout all of the Old Testament
he's coming he's coming
he's coming he's coming
all of the prophets he's coming
he's coming he's coming
and that hope is found in the reality that he comes
Malachi said it this way look

I am sending my messenger
and he will prepare the way before me
then the Lord whom you are
seeking will suddenly come to his temple
I'm gonna send my messenger
he's gonna go before me in the spirit of Elijah
John the Baptist is gonna go before
and prepare the way of the Lord
and the king is coming that's what's happening
this messenger of the covenant
whom you look for so eagerly is surely coming
says the Lord of Heaven's army
so John the Baptist in Mark 1
verse 7 and eight says this
and then he was preaching saying
after me one is coming now we're getting closer
it had been prophesied all through the Old Testament
but now here we have John in the New Testament saying
hey listen I'm just preparing the way
there's one that's coming after me
who is mightier than I
and I'm not even fit to bend down
and untie the straps of his sandals
I baptize you with water
but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit
that's just what happens when he comes

John is so excited he's coming
he's coming he's coming
he's like the last in a whole season of people
ever seen when your breakthrough has been a word
that has happened for decades and decades
and all of a sudden it now is
that's what's happening he's coming
he's coming he's coming has been a word for decades
in many cases centuries for them
and now John the Baptist was the last to say that line
he's coming
can you imagine being the last to say that
before the breakthrough happens
and here's Jesus he follows up with it in John 10
and he goes well the thief has come
to steal kill and destroy
but I have come that you may have life
like I'm here
the one that you've been watching for
waiting for searching for
looking for eagerly expecting is here
remember
when John was about to give his life for the gospel
for the truth
and he John the Baptist was in prison
and he sent out his disciples to see if Jesus
was doing what he said he would do
and he said I want you to ask him this
go to Jesus and ask
are you the expected one or shall we look for another
I mean you see the excitement inside of him
are you the one that I've expected
that's the only time in scripture
he's called the expected one
like are you the one that I've expected
not only I but we
or shall we look for another
I mean
that is massive that's a massive turn in history
Jesus is here and the more you and I today
get to experience his presence
the more we just get an importation of more and more
of his supernatural life
I've come that you might have life
what is that supernatural life
well it's the person of Jesus
it's the resurrected king

it's the person of his presence
it's like not just the presence of god
but the presence of god is here
because the person of god is here
who wants more of that
who wants to learn how to prioritize presence
in your home and in your life
and in your business and in your boardroom
and in your car and wherever you go
I mean that's just the priority of the Christian heart
is to first prioritize presence
how do I prioritize presence
um No. 1
is to just think about the benefit of God's presence
I already just talked about um
life and the heavens rejoicing
and you being an alignment
you
operating best when you're operating in his presence
um you operating in victory
all of the breakthrough that you need
or the things that you wanna overcome
they just work best in his presence
because the opposite of that is you
and your own strength
and that's just hard we do Christian duty super well
and there's something to be said about discipline
and I get that
but discipline in the presence of the Lord is amazing
it's totally different than just discipline
in your own strength
we're not disciplining for presence
we're disciplining from presence
anything we do is from presence
that's what we want right
we wanna operate in the presence of the Lord
and so your hunger and your anticipation
is he the expected one or shall we look for another
that's the hunger the fire of what the presence does
here's how the Holy Spirit
works with the presence of God is like Holy Spirit
helps you hunger for the presence of God
and then the more you learn to saturate yourself
live in the presence wait for the presence in your life
the more that that presence
will cause you to hunger for more presence
that's how it works in the kingdom

well let me say it this way
in the natural when you eat
you get full in the kingdom
when you eat you get hungry
you just want more of the lord's presence
and that's what I want
that's what I want for each of you
I want this for all of your kiddos
I want this for your grandkiddos
is like hey listen
until they get touched with an encounter
I mean there's great things about intellect
and all the fun that we have around here
and the things that we do
but until each and every one of us
just to have an encounter
and get touched by the Lord in different ways
I want you to be able to say gosh
that's where my life changed
that part of the room is where my life changed again
and oh that part over there
remember when I was just on the floor
balling like a baby and you all honored me
even though I was embarrassed
that's where my life got rocked
you know those types of things
that's where the Lord showed me my future
that's where the Lord gave me hope
he took depression away from me and gave me this
that's what I want this place to be for you
is just a place where you remember
the moments that you encounter his presence
sometimes we just make church about so many things
and I'm just like Lord
it's always been our heart to prioritize presence
and we want hunger for that
we want more of that
people ask me all kinds of advice sometimes
and there's nothing wrong with great wisdom
the Bible full of great wisdom
but at some point don't you just sort of feel that tug
and where the Lords like Bobby
close your Bible and just thank me for being here
just acknowledge my presence
what I've Learned is that
our hunger for more of God's presence um will increase
and it's designed to purchase from things

the presence of god um
especially in corporate settings
is designed to do a couple things
because you and I can often um
control how the lord's presence falls in our midst
sometimes in asking for the presence of god
he will fall on you in a way that is diverse
he will fall on a way in in a way that will sometimes
if it doesn't offend you
it might offend the people around you
to which I respond let it burn
let it happen
let it burn
I'm not interested in making the things of god
palatable to someone who just wants to
understand them in their intellect
the spiritual things are foolishness
to an unspiritual man the Bible says
and so um
often when you ask for the presence of the Lord um
there's things that he wants of you in public
that's like part of the presence is like
you got to get over the fear of man
I think the renewal in the 90s did help that age
group that that era get over the fear of man
because people were just getting so saturated
and touched by the presence of the Lord
they just walk around just shaking
they just couldn't stop it
you couldn't even get them in their car
it take three or four ushers just to like
get them into the parking lot
and then they try to drive home
and they get pulled over by a cop
and they he go ma'am
are you okay and she was just
the presence of the Lord is so strong on me
well ma'am
how about you just pull over and let me help you
and it got so strong and so normal
part of Christianity in the renewal
during that time that God was renewing his people
that many of the police officers got so used to it
they would go are you driving home from church
is that what's happening
can I call someone to come in up
and they just knew that that

sometimes was an effect of the presence of the Lord
so have you ever been in a moment like that
where someone's getting completely touched
the Lord in a way that's amazing to them
and they said yes right
if you give God an inch he'll take a mile
and um
they said yes and you're watching them and you're going
on one hand I want some of that
and in another way gosh
that person's making a total idiot out of themselves
and I'm not sure I want any of that
and it just causes people all around
to have to make a decision
do I want the presence of the Lord
and some make the decision
will not if it looks like that
and God's like all right
I'll see you next month when I knock on your door again
or two years from now and how about now
do you want my presence and how about now
do you want my presence
and God's just faithful to keep knocking
another thing that I've Learned
that the presence of the Lord sort of purges us from
is arrogance and criticism
have you ever been the one that just
in a prayer line and you're just ready to receive
the person goes down and they're laying hands on people
gosh you hear just thud thud
thud thud
and it gets to you
and you're just the rock of Gibraltar
and then right after you thud thud thud
I remember being in a revival service with Rodney Hower
Brown and that
and there were a sea of bodies everywhere
and Becky and I we just
we got hands laid on we didn't not go down
you know and there are other times that we both had
but for whatever in this one
we were like
the only ones out of hundreds of people behind us
and we looked and we were like the two trees standing
as a fire had just cleared the place for miles
and we were holding hands
and suddenly I just opened my eyes

I looked at her she looked at me at the same time
we looked back and there were just bodies everywhere
and we were like
I don't know
I don't know and those are moments where you just um
you can just go I don't understand
I don't know why I don't know what God's doing
I don't know why what are we chop liver
like you can you can have all kinds of responses
and yet
stay in a place of hunger and not get into criticism
it's in those moments that it's easy to criticize um
the presence of the Lord
or to reduce god to the things that we can explain
right
and so every part of um
your life in the presence of the Lord
will purge those things out of you
make no mistake it's my duty
it's my honor to tell you that you will run the risk
so you can keep it safe though
and not seek the presence of the Lord
um but I'm telling you that after
all throughout the Bible and all throughout history
the hunger for his presence will cause you to go Lord
you can kiss me in public
it's like the song of Solomon that were in Chapter 8
the lady said if I saw you in public
I would kiss you and not be despised or not be ashamed
Lord like you can do whatever you want in me
bars I'm not in control
and there's just something about that process
of surrendering to the Lord
that his presence increases on your life
and some people go Lord
well how long am I just gonna shake like this
and sometimes
nobody shakes sometimes nobody falls
sometimes you know
the things that you want to happen don't even happen
but here's what I will tell you that will happen
every time in God's presence
something from the inside will begin to happen
the joy of the Lord the peace of god
the person of god
will begin to invade your heart and your mind
and suddenly you'll begin to think differently

you'll begin to discern differently
you'll begin to make decisions differently
that edge that used to be on your personality
is no longer so edgy and it's softer and rounded
and the person of Jesus will begin to rise up
in you favor will start to flow from that point on
and trust will begin
and all of a sudden god will begin as the more you say
more to increase and the light will increase
and the presence of god will increase
until the one he has blessed
has become a massive blessing
to everyone who gets in your midst
like they'll literally say when you walk in the room
I'm so glad she's here
whether they're saying that with their mouth
they're feeling that when you walk in the room
because you've saturated yourself in presence
I love to walk into stores that are demonic
and what you can just feel this place
what have you guys done in this place
and I love to just walk in there and just like
fake shop and get my hands over everything
just touch even the even the ladies rat
and just walk out and go you're welcome
you're welcome
you needed this Lord
thank you thank you that we get a carry
and release your presence wherever we go
I love getting here early before you're here
praying over the chairs
put little buzzers underneath them
in case I need to push the button
hahaha
just like Lord there
there's all kinds of blessings
there's all kinds of things that make church great
but it's your presence Lord
it's the lingering presence that you go home with
the people that came here
like beat them home that's my prayer for you
I pray for you Lord
beat them here and then while you're coming here
I say beat them home
like be waiting for them in new ways
when they get back to their homes
let them find early on in their life

from like 2 year old in our classes presents
presents
and let them never wanna live without your presence
let them do what it takes
and if they have to overcome arrogance and anger
and criticism and all the stuff that comes their way
for walking in presence
let them have the fortitude and the confidence to say
I don't care what you say
I will never trade this
I will never trade this for dignity
I will never trade this for dignity
David got that moment you know his story
bringing the Ark up to the very center
the epic center of Jerusalem
his his heart's desire
he had seen at Naioth Ramoth in Samuel sort of vortex
how thick the presence of god was there
remember
he was down there asking for prayer from Samuel
and Saul's mighty man heard it
his assassins and he sent a group of them down
and the presence of god was so thick there
they came to kill what god was rising up
but God's presence hit them so strong
that your Bible says
they fell on their backs and prophesied all night
David
like gets so touched by that reality at Naioth Rama
he's like
I don't wanna do kingship
I know Samuel you laid you anointed me
but I've got a half what's happening here in Jerusalem
I don't wanna do it without it
says Moses moment Lord
if your glory doesn't come
if your presence doesn't come I don't wanna do it
and so the Ark stops at Obed Edom's House
David's bringing it up to the Lord
and a guy named Yuziah tried to stabilize the Ark as it
as it fell on this cart
the oxen was stumbling and he touched it
and his name Yuziah
means the strength of man
trying to carry God's presence in your own strength and
and he got zapped
and so David says gosh

we better bring the presence up right
and that's the first time that presence and process
sort of kissed we can't just do it how we want to
there's a way that God wants to be carried
there's a reverence that we have for the process
that equals more presence
that equals more process that equals more presence
that equals more process I see people in our stream
revivalists that are great revivalists
carry presents but wouldn't know process if it bit them
and it's like gosh
the great presence that you have
you could have more
if your presence just found process in your life
so

David was chased by insecure leaders
and we was purged from the fear of man
he Learned to lead the unleatable
remember his mighty men were outcasts
they were not people that you would want to be around
he Learned process at Obed Adams House
and David was corrected in public
cause David wanted to bring the Ark
Nathan didn't come to David the prophet and go hey
change the way you're leading
god said that in public
you need to change the way you're leading my presence
and from this day on
from Obed Edom all the way to Jerusalem
which was some say four miles
some say six miles
god said you need to sacrifice a calf every six paces
for six miles
every six paces
because you're not gonna do this in your own strength
the other thing is that I wanna make sure
you do not carry the presence
in a way that I've not designed you to
so put it back on the priest shoulders
cause that is the priesthood that I'm raising up
that all people um
under the blood of Jesus
will become a new and living priesthood
and they will know that
they're meant to carry my presence on their shoulders
so every six paces can you imagine
that wasn't just like party

that was like a trail of blood
that was gruesome every six paces the
the sticks is the number of man
kind of like you Isaiah
they were getting purged from the strength of man
every six paces and then another sacrifice
we got to stop do it again
and that's
I'm so glad that the Lord doesn't have us
doing that kind of stuff anymore
and the lord's like hey listen
everywhere you go you just carry presents
it's my Grace now
because of the cross and the resurrection
and the power of Jesus
you can just carry me wherever you go
wherever you go just live a lay down lifestyle
and wherever you go I'll be with you
and they learn the difference of presence
and no presence
and not only God's people learn that the
the nations around them god is with them
let's know let's not fight against them
god is with them we've Learned presence and no presence
the Philistine Learned arc and no arc
so much so that the Philistines went to capture the Ark
they're like we don't wanna serve
we don't wanna worship him
we just want the benefits of his presence
we don't want process we don't wanna make him our Lord
we want the benefit of the box
so one of the greatest ways just to enjoy his presence
is just to acknowledge him
Lord thanks for being here
thanks that you're here right now
just that acknowledgement
Lord thanks that you're here
I always love this
and I think I get reminded of it all the time
and it's when um Jesus
he goes to raise up Lazarus from the dead
and out of all the prayers he could have prayed
he just said Lord
thank you that you hear me
and thank you that you always hear me
and then he goes I
and I wouldn't even had said that

unless these were around
like he's acknowledging Lord
you're with me all the time
thank you that you hear me
he never even prayed for Lazarus to come forth
he never even had to pray
he just acknowledged presence
Lord thanks that you hear me
I mean isn't that cool
and all the people who were taking notes on dead
raising 1:01 that day
all they heard was he just went
thank you that you hear me he just went and just said
thanks God
Lazarus come forth
acknowledging presence
acknowledging that God's with you is super important
acknowledging the reality these with you
he's with you when you go shopping
how many of ladies
can he be with you when you go shopping
or does he just hang out in church
is he just a church God for you
Becky loves going shopping
she'll be on her way in there and I'll be like okay
so how long how how how much time are we be here
and he and she'll just go as long as it takes
and she'll be walking in there
and I can tell she's praying in the spirit
and she'll go blue dress size 8
got it
and she'll buy a dress or two or five for someone else
she'll get the color and she'll get the size
and then she'll do her shopping with Jesus
and then she'll get a few things for herself
and then she's out
but I always hear when we go into the store
she's doing the same thing
walking from the truck to the front door
she's asking the Lord I know we need groceries
groceries but who else does
and she's just praying and she's putting stuff
and I know we don't need that stuff
and then it is like right after that
that she'll get a call and someone goes
I've seen it someone's going to a prom
and they can't find a blue dress anywhere

and Becky will go what's your size
size 8 interesting
and I'll just go Omg
this is crazy
and she just shops with Jesus
and she'll just laugh at me and she'll go
he loves to shop
when you go to work
just how do you carry presents when you go home
I love the presence of the Lord in my home
don't you just like after a long day or a long trip
you just get in the house
and you sort of cross through the threshold
and are you like me to you
when you get home
you just sort of take that big deep breath
I love that I love the presence of god in our home
we've got the banky kiddos staying with us and they
when they came to live with us
I was like kids
I know you're gonna bring your video games in here
I know it's gonna get crazy
and there's some things that
I'm gonna be right in the middle of
and I'm gonna anticipate a ton of pillow fights
so be ready to get it on
um
but if there's they want they wanted the rules
they knew the talk from Bobby was coming
they're like what's the rules
and I said the rule
the No. 1 rule in this house
is to make his presence your priority
and so I can go through a ton of things
as to what that means with you
but I need to share my heart with you
as his presence is my priority in this house
and it's what you may feel here
whether you feel it or not
it is so precious to me
please don't do anything to violate that
and I want them to feel my priority for the present
and I said that to our treasures
and James and Tory's kiddos
or like our kiddos and iron
it wasn't too long ago
they were in our home discussing what movie to watch

sometimes when they serve here on Sundays
they come and stay with us on Saturdays
cause their parents live in Redmond
and so they always come over boom
go straight for the fridge
and they just know anything we have is theirs
and if it's not we go get it and and so um
they're discussing okay
now that we got all of our candy and chocolates
what movie are we gonna watch
and I hear them in the other room
talking about what movie and
you know they were just talking about like
Avenger type movies
and adventure movies that they wanna watch
and I hear Emma the oldest one go
that's inappropriate for Bobby and Becky
I was just like yes
I have trained them to prioritize presents
you know my second thought was well
if it's inappropriate for us
it is for you too but I just love that they're look
they know we've talked to them
it's to in our house
it's not about rules in our house
it's about presence
and they know that and I want them to know that
and so today
I just wanted to spend a few minutes
talking about the presence of the Lord
but mostly I I wanna ask the Lord to encounter you
I wanna ask the Lord to saturate you
and maybe after this talk
you would just ask the Lord God
how do I make your presence a priority in my life more
I'm in meetings most throughout most any day
you can find me in those meetings
and I've asked the Lord
how can I make your presence my priority
and I remember getting this watch not
not this one
but another one that ties to your cell phone
and you can set alarms throughout the day
and it'll just buzz on your wrist
and I felt like I was reading where David said
seven times a day I praise my Lord
and he was just always connecting the present

so I'm like I'm not one to create rule 7
seven times a day I'm gonna do it
but I set alarms on my watch
that buzz throughout the day
and every time that alarm buzzes
and the notification comes up it just goes ABA
and I'll be in a meeting and I'll be talking to you
and you have no idea that this thing is buzzing
on my wrist and I just go
oh I love you Lord
I love and I just say it under my breath
and just connect with him throughout the day
cause I don't wanna be disconnected to presence
so there's practical ways that you can do that
I guess is what I'm saying
now I understand that the presence of god
like I said
is foolishness until you've been connected by it
so don't discount anybody else's encounter
the best place for you to decide
whether something's authentic
that someone else is experiencing
the best place for you to decide what is authentic
from god or not
is on your face in your own encounter
don't do it from standing up
often I'll get a picture of Becky and I
digging a well for this region
and we're digging a well
and there's those standing outside the well
thank you don't you think you need a better shovel
if you got this one with this handle
and the shiny one that's here
and that one don't you think it would happen better
and I just look over at Becky and I just go
keep digging and we just start flinging dirt
like if you're gonna stand around and watch
you're gonna get dirt in your face
like we don't have time for those distractions
we're digging a well
and what's the difference between to sum
a well and a pit
sometimes it looks like you're digging a pit
but when you strike water
that's what makes a pit oh well
and I don't care if it looks like a pit
to somebody else

I'm digging well
I'm building an arc
and at some point it's gonna rain
at some point you're gonna hit water
but Bobby I don't I don't comprehend his word
I don't understand it when I read it
that's okay
you didn't understand how
what you ate last Tuesday affected your body
but you still ate it and it still affected you
keep eating keep eating
you don't remember everything you read in scripture
that's okay
you don't remember what you ate three months ago
but it still nourished your body
so
don't gather around the outside
don't get caught watching
remember when David
he came up after now being a major leader
he had some set success
in turning the outcast into mighty men
when god gave him those men
your Bible says they were outcast
but now they're mighty and they've done great things
and David could have strolled into Jerusalem going ha
now I've killed my 10 thousands
but all those guys got to watch their fearless leader
bring in the presents and your Bible said
he stripped down to his boxers
and he danced before the Lord like a crazy man
just spinning and going yes
I love that the Ark is coming
and we did God's will God's way
and here he is
I don't wanna be king without his presence
and all the men
who were looking at their fearless leader
now were watching a man embarrass himself
in front of everyone cause
David didn't want to lose the power that he had gained
over the fear of man
the moment you start wondering
how God's presence on your life
is going to seem to other people
the more you start prioritizing people over presence
and David humbled himself

key to presence
humbled himself and said god
you come so much so that your Bible says
not only were his fearless boys watching
but so is his wife watching from the castle window
going oh
my husband have you not made a fool of yourself
in front of these people
you're called to lead from royalty
and if anybody knew royalty
she was the daughter of the king
the previous king she knew royalty she thought
and David's answer was
because presence is my priority
I'll become even more undignified than what you saw
because presence requires that
I don't wanna lead just with power
I wanna lead with presence
and presence requires me to be the king of fools
if it does
I'm your man
I'm your woman right ladies
so
when God's here and you see people rush the stage
let him do it don't think it weird
maybe God's here and you wanna rush the stage
I just wanna tell you permission granted
you can do stupid stuff in this house
I don't care I don't care we're big enough to go hey
what's going on there we're big enough to
first of all
think it's God before we think it's the devil
if the presence of God on you uh
makes you wanna
just suck up every word that's being said
and you begin to take notes
that's just as much
the presence of God is rushing the stage
how about worshipping or dancing with all of your might
maybe come and get on these uh rugs
we we made them cushy for you
in case you wanna just come and lay
and get on your face or back
sometimes you don't have to wait until God's presence
put you down sometimes you just go
I'm going down
I'm taking my own dive I just wanna be in his presence

and you you
you you don't get that that battle where you overcome
what will people think about me at home
in the safety of your home
you just don't get that
with you and your favorite music
of course
you're gonna run through your house and your skivies
nobody's watching
I don't recommend you
necessarily do that here when people are watching
but you know what I mean
where it's just like it cost you something
when you've got a dance in public
kiss him in public
I always the person that says I don't dance
you know what I don't dance means
it's code for I just put a target on myself
it's code for Lord break in
I need more it's code for stamp carpet time
coming your way
get saturated get saturated all the time
you don't even have to know what you got
but when you get here be a glutton for his presence
ask people to pray over you
and if you don't know what to pray
or you don't have a specific need
like financial breakthrough or healing
or the gifts of the spirit or whatever
just go I just want more
and just pray for presence
that's really what you need
you'll get out of here going whoa
there's something on me
something's different about what I carry
I asked Mark if I could brag on him a little bit
but Mark and Kelly you know
they work with um
high level business people and corporations and um
people all over the planet
um and they've done that for a while
um what they do is uh
international and so requires a lot of travel and um
the stories of him being in front of sheeps
and just very interesting people
and I see them doing that
and um

very beautiful people sharp dressed all the time
and yet they're the first here
for almost any alter call that they're involved in
I've seen them beautifully decked out and then Bam
on the floor just saturated in the presence of the Lord
and I just know what it takes for a person to not care
to want his presence enough to be secure in yourself
enough to always stay hungry
and I'll get on the phone with them and just go gosh
how how do you do it
and they say that's it
we just want more
we just want to stay like we're little kids
we always want to be in his presence
I watch my mom do the same thing
she's always here always on the first or second row
always praising god and until recently
she just got some new lenses in her eyes this last week
but prior to that even see the word
she didn't even know like half of our songs
cause they're not hymns in old school
and she's just I
sometimes I'll look at her and I can tell
she just mouth and the words
and she doesn't know half the songs
can't read the thing until now
um and she's there worshipping the Lord
as if she knows all the words to the songs
and I'm just like Lord
she wants presents
she doesn't care if she gets it right
she doesn't care if she looks right
she doesn't care what it looks like
she's willing to trade her dignity for your presence
and I just want you guys to be saturated
I just want you guys to be whole enough
to kiss God in public
to have an encounter with the Lord literally
there are some things that
only an encounter can explain
and for you guys to be able to say
I had no idea that God wanted to encounter me
in that way until it happened
could he really
did he really know my name and all of those things
I had no idea that God wanted to encounter me
until it happened

so I just wanna pray would you stand with me
Lord I just thank you
for your presence
I just want to acknowledge you
in this house
and I just want to acknowledge you
Lord that
and I wanna thank you
for the people that come from all around the globe
to our conferences and even online
who all say we feel the presence most of all
um Lord
I'm thankful for that
and Lord I just
for Becky and me I want her and I to keep digging
and for all of the people
Lord who drink from this well and
the well that you've dug
the well that you've commanded us to dig
I ask Lord
that there be something in the water
that would cause us to hunger for more of your presence
all the time
Lord I
ask that we would prioritize your presence
that everyone coming to this place
would say doesn't matter if I sit there if I lay down
if I prophesy if I read the Bible
every doesn't matter
whatever I do even if I'm sitting in the corner
his presence finds me
it gets on me it gets in me
and then it increases and follows me home
and then it increases in my life
I'm safe there to learn to maneuver in the presence
I'm safe there to learn how to operate in it
to think the thoughts of Christ
and to have encounters about solutions to problems
and just to learn to take notes when he's there
learn to dance and all the things that I feel like
I can do in his presence learn to kneel
learn to just be quiet and receive
God I'm asking
for an increase of all that
your presence looks like here
God I ask for
Trey to receive an encounter

that's been my prayer for you all the time Trey
I was thinking about it this week
and I was just Lord
what does trade need I was actually asking him like
what can I preach
and the Lord just said
Trey doesn't need you to preach
he just needs an encounter with
with me
I said the same thing about you Taylor
I was like what
what what
cause I think about families
like what do you guys need at home
and he's like
they need an encounter
not just another message on this or that
or this or that God's truth is amazing
don't get me wrong
but sometimes
the greatest thing that we need is this to encounter
so Lord
would you just begin to increase on us right now
however that looks we just posture our
ourselves for an encounter
and we got a few minutes just before
they call you parents to get your babies and kiddos
we got a few minutes we got a good 15 minutes
and I just want you to have time
just to enjoy his presence
don't get distracted right now by any other thoughts
if you need to put words on your lips that just say God
increase your presence in my life
just begin to acknowledge him
thank him that he's in your home
thank you
thank him that he's in your life and in your work
and just begin to invite him more
and that's what will happen
some of you may wanna come up here
and just get on your face
and just enjoy his presence for a few
this is your living room
there's nobody here but you and Jesus
don't let the fear of man stop you from increasing
in the presence
some of you just may want prayer for an increase

and we love to do that and if that's you
I just want you to step out of your seat
and just come down and just go gosh
that's me Bobby
I could use more presence in my life
and if that's you
just slip out of your seat and come down
God's presence will touch you
it will feel you it will heal you
it'll heal your marriages
God's presence will make you shine
and will give you the breakthrough the favor
God's presence is it is a cost
it will purge the fear of man and arrogance
and all of those things as I mentioned
but that's a small a small price to pay
God's presence will deliver you
it will give you joy it will feel
like liquid honey sometimes
sometimes you just don't feel anything
but you just saturate yourself in his presence
father
would you just increase more in this room right now
I ask for every one of us
that the secret to families being in success
is your presence the secret to our kiddos
living lives of righteousness and loving you
and all of that
is to teach our kiddos how to operate in the presence
Lord right now
all over this room and those watching online right now
I believe that in God's presence
he's taking depression and adding the fullness of joy
cause the Bible says in his presence is fullness of joy
I see ideas just right even now
popping into your head
about God's calling on your life
in the presence of the Lord
financial solutions breakthrough
just don't even think about finances
don't even think about the breakthrough
don't even think about any of that
just focus on his presence right now
let that be the tipping point for you
if you've ever shut down the presence of God
because of what it looks like
sometimes it's foolishness

just ask the Lord to take that fear away

God I I

I don't wanna do this in front of people

I don't wanna dance I don't wanna shake

I don't wanna shout

just ask the Lord

if you're trapped or caught in the fear of man

the Bible says the fear of man leads to a snare

it leads to a trap

and if you're caught in that

just shake it off and just go

I don't care anymore I want presence over fear

presence over arrogance

if you've ever pointed the finger at someone else

getting touched

just say Lord

I don't I don't wanna do that

if you've ever been the last person standing

the only one standing

and you feel like God's presence hasn't touched you

it's the purpose for all of those types of moments

whether they're offending you

or you feel like you're not getting touched

is to make you cry out for more to

to just chisel you down back to the main cry

and that's Lord

I don't care about all these peripheral things

I still want your presence

and if that's your pure motive

then that's what you're going to get

I'm just gonna ask the ministry team

to come and just pray over these down here but

I'm just gonna give one more invitation

to anybody who just wants prayer

for the presence to increase on your life

the beauty the blessing

of his presence

I just want to invite you to come down here

and enjoy these

and we wanna pray for you

and there's no shame for you in your seat

if you just wanna stay there

I always like to give you that opportunity

it's just your choice to make

and sometimes you just respond to that

but if you're in this building

doesn't matter where you are

God will bless you and increase
but sometimes we just need to make a stance that says
Lord I want more
and sometimes
coming forward is just that public stance of
I want more
and I just wanna give you opportunities to do that
anytime any day in this place
whether it's in worship or in the word
and you just wanna come down and do this
just humble yourself and do it
and as soon as you do
as soon as you take one step forward
you'll feel his presence increase on you
Trey I'm making you do it buddy
you don't have a chance get down here
as soon as you just say yes something happens
Lord all over this room
all over this room
Lord we just want your presence
I just say for all of us we understand today
that it's your presence that makes up everything
we don't know how to get free
we don't know how to do what we're doing
sometimes we think we do but Lord
your presence makes up for it all
your presence fills in the cracks
your presence does stuff that I can't do
your presence tells me things that I couldn't know
our lives are changed in the presents
our lives are changed in the presents
guys would you just look around
those standing
would you just look around and find someone to go
just pray with real quick
and just release presents on them
you don't have to know what to pray
just release presents
that's that's what we all need
we all just need presents
Patty
would you pray over Sonia and just release presents
guys would you go find someone standing
and just release presents over them
this couple standing this beautiful couple back here
can I pray for you
can I pray for you guys

would you come up here and let me just pray over you