"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Heb 13:5; Deut 31:8

1. God is present in our pain.

"The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; he saves those whose spirits are crushed." Psalm 34:18

Therefore...

2. God's presence is not seasonal.

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...." Isaiah 43:2

Therefore...

3. God stays even when others leave.

*16 At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me....
17 But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed, and all the Gentiles might hear it. So, I was rescued from the lion's mouth." 2 Timothy 4:16-17

Therefore

God <u>resides</u> with every believer.

"16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you." John 14:16-18

Therefore