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Transformed Lives for Christ in 2022

- Pastor Jamie started full time
- 65 new members
- 28 people baptized
- 20 Baptized in HS
- Gave over \$45K in International Missions (Ukraine/ Georgia)
- Launched Grace Gives Back Outreach

The local church is the hope of the world.

IRRESISTIBLE

----- The Church God Can't Resist ------

An Irresistible Church...

- Will have God's presence, power, blessing & favor.
- Not a perfect church.
- Constantly aligning itself to please God
- Syncs their hearts with heaven so God will be at home with them.

Hungers for God's Presence

Exodus 33:15

"Moses said to him, "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

1. Recognize His Presence

- "Where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Matthew 18:20
- Rabbinnical Saying: "If two sat at table and conversed about the Law of God, the Shechinah rested upon them."
- Early Church: "Ubi tres, ibi Ecclesia" (Where three are there is a church)

God's presence isn't attained, it's <u>recognized</u>.

"Trying to be happy without a sense of God's presence is like trying to have a bright day without the Sun."

A.W. Tozer

2. Look for His Movement

- Freedom: "...where the Lord's Spirit is, there is freedom." - 2 Corinthians 3:17
- Healing and Joy: "In Your presence is fullness of joy..."
 Psalm 16:11
- Repentance and Refreshing: "Repent and return...in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord" – Acts 3:19

Isaiah 64:1-4

¹Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you!

² As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you!

³ For when **you did awesome things that we did not expect**, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.

⁴ Since ancient times no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, <u>who acts on behalf of those who wait for</u> <u>him.</u>

In God's presence, He does <u>His</u> will, <u>not ours</u>.

R.B. Jones, Preacher (Welsh Revival)

"A sense of the Lord's presence was everywhere. It pervaded, nay, it created the spiritual atmosphere. It mattered not where one went the consciousness of the reality and nearness of God followed. Felt, of course, in the revival gatherings, it was by no means confined to them; it was also felt in the homes, on the streets, in the mines and factories, in the schools, yea, and even in the theatres and drinking saloons. The strange result was that wherever people gathered became a place of awe, and places of amusement and revelry were practically emptied... The pit bottoms and galleries became places of praise and prayer, where the miners gathered to worship... Even the children of the day schools came under the spell of God."

3. Wait for Him

- "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." – James 4:8
- Fasting Focus:
 - Monday: Asking for God's Presence
 - Tuesday: Seeking God to Prepare our Heart
 - Wednesday: Praying for God's Direction
 - Wednesday 7pm: Gather together for Immerse

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