



GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Turn the Page: God Is With You

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Highlighted Scripture

- **Daniel 1:1-8; 6:16-23**

Daniel's story joins hardship and faithfulness over many years. Captivity and the lions' den did not mean God had abandoned him; Daniel continued to honor God, and God's presence sustained him through circumstances he could not control.

- **Exodus 12-14; Joshua 3:14-17**

Joshua witnessed God's protection in Egypt, the exodus through the Red Sea, years in the wilderness, and Israel's later crossing of the Jordan. The long road was not evidence of God's absence. His faithfulness was visible across the whole journey.

- **Joshua 1:9 (ESV)**

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed."

God commissioned Joshua to lead after Moses and grounded courage in a promise of his presence. Courage here is not pretending hardship is easy; it is moving forward in faithful obedience because the Lord is with his people.

- **Hebrews 13:5 (ESV)**

"I will never leave you nor forsake you."

In a call to contentment rather than trust in money, this promise directs believers to the security of God's presence. It gives solid hope when circumstances feel unstable or resources seem insufficient.

- **Matthew 28:20 (ESV)**

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

Jesus gave this assurance as he sent his disciples to make disciples and teach obedience. His continuing presence strengthens ordinary faithfulness, including the next step taken while life is still difficult.

- **Hebrews 13:8 (ESV)**

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

Circumstances and emotions change, but Jesus Christ does not. Remembering his unchanging character helps us interpret a hard chapter through who he is rather than treating today's struggle as the whole story.

- **Isaiah 43:1-3 (ESV)**

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

God addressed Jacob and Israel as their Creator and Redeemer, promising his presence through waters and fire. The passage does not promise a life without trials; it shows that trouble cannot cancel God's claim, care, or saving purpose for his people.

Discussion Questions

- When have your circumstances made God seem hidden, and what were you focusing on most during that season?
- Looking back, where can you now recognize God's provision, guidance, or sustaining presence?
- What does Joshua 1:9 show about the relationship between courage, obedience, and God's presence?
- How can Hebrews 13:5 reshape the way you respond to financial pressure or uncertainty?
- What would it mean to treat your present struggle as one chapter rather than the conclusion of your story?

Reflection Challenge

Choose one present struggle and look at it through the steady truth of God's presence. You do not have to minimize the pain or predict how it will end. Practice remembering who God is, noticing where he has already been faithful, and taking the next obedient step.

Ask yourself:

- Am I measuring God's nearness only by whether my circumstances change quickly?
- What past season gives me concrete evidence of God's faithfulness?
- Where is pride keeping me from asking God or other people for appropriate help?
- What faithful next step is in front of me today?

Try this:

- Write a short timeline of one past hardship and mark every place you can now see provision, growth, protection, or guidance.
- Pray one honest sentence about your present struggle, followed by one sentence affirming that God is with you.
- Memorize Hebrews 13:5 or Joshua 1:9 and repeat it when anxious thoughts return.
- Tell a trusted believer where you need prayer or practical support instead of carrying the burden alone.

Remember

- God's presence is not measured by how easy the current chapter feels.
- Courage grows from trusting that the Lord is with you.
- Hardship may continue for a season without becoming the whole story.
- Looking back can help you recognize faithfulness that was difficult to see in the moment.
- Asking for God's help is an act of trust, not a failure.
- Turn the page: the book is not over yet.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

When life feels heavy and You seem hidden, help me remember that Your presence is not controlled by my circumstances. Thank You for the ways You have sustained, guided, and provided for me, even when I could not see what You were doing.

Give me courage to trust You, humility to ask for help, and wisdom to take the next faithful step. Keep me from living inside an old struggle as though it were my whole story. Fix my attention on Jesus Christ, who is the same yesterday and today and forever, and help me encourage others with the hope You have given me.

In Jesus' name, Amen.