

Experiencing God in 2024

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“Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a Son, and they will call Him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” **Matthew 1:23 (NLT)**

“...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:20 (NIV)**

1. Every time we stumble, God knows it.

“Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”

Exodus 2:12 (NIV)

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give an account.”

Hebrews 4:13 (NIV)

“He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13 (NIV)

2. Every time we struggle, God feels it.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin. Let us then

approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 4:15-16 (NIV)

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for He cares about you."

1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

3. Every time we serve someone in need, God is pleased.

"...The Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free."

Ephesians 6:8 (NIV)

"So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

Matthew 7:12 (NIV)

"...The one who sows righteousness reaps a sure reward."

Proverbs 11:18 (NIV)

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9 (NIV)