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**Experiencing God By Serving: Meeting Needs of Others**

I. God is within.

*1 Corinthians 6:19 NIV "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, **who is in you**, whom you have received from God?"*

*John 14:16-17 (NIV) And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and **will be in you**.*

God in us gives us others the opportunity to experience God through us.

II. God is present when we meet needs.

*Matthew 25:35-40 NIV "For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'*

*"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'*

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'*

III. God wants us to experience him by getting involved with what he is involved with.  
Titus 3:14 NASB *Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs ...*

IV. We must consciously remind ourselves of God's presence, and then point out his presence to others.

Brother Lawrence (Practicing the Presence of God).

*Matthew 5:16 NIV In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Homework:*

1. Pray for opportunities to consciously experience God.

Prayer

*Please let me meet someone's need today so they can consciously experience you, and allow me to experience you by providing someone to meet my need. In Jesus Name*

2. Look for the opportunity.

3. Take a risk.

4. Consider sharing the experience.

*"I prayed that I would get an opportunity to show someone that God loves them, I hope you know that He loves you."*