

I am not alone

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Exodus 33:12-15 NKJV

Then Moses said to the Lord, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation is Your people.” And He said, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

Exodus 33:16-17 NKJV

Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth.” So the Lord said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.”

Exodus 33:15 NKJV

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Exodus 33:17 NKJV

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Truth

Sin separates us from God and causes a distance.

Ezekiel 14: 4-5 NKJV

**“Therefore speak to them, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God:
“Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I the Lord will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols, that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols.”**”

Ezekiel 14: 6 NKJV

**Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God:
“Repent, turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away
from all your abominations.”’**

Hebrews 13:5 NKJV

Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

1 John 1:7-8 NKJV

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Truth

We need God's presence to carry out His will.

John 15:1-5 NKJV

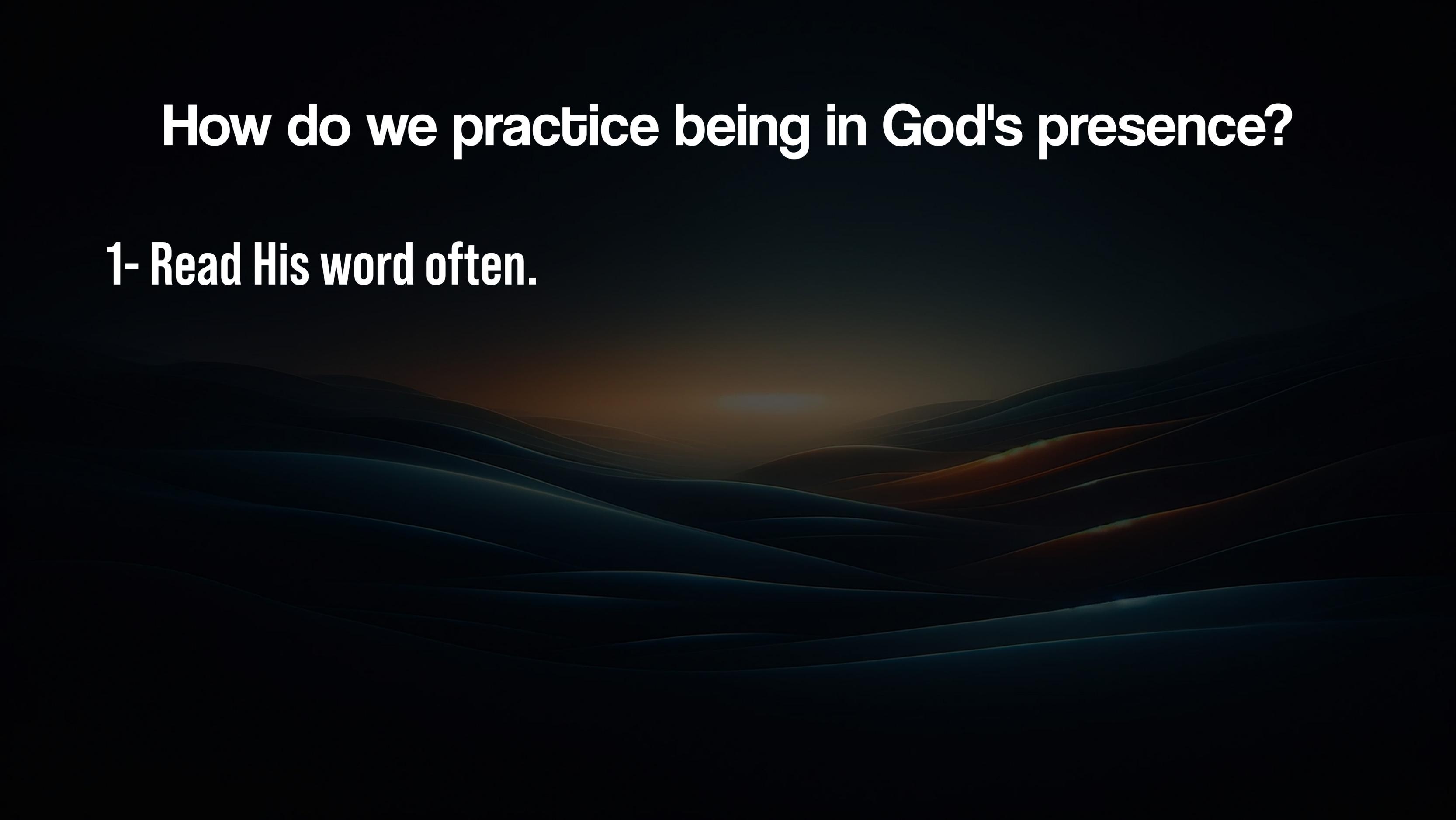
“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

Truth

It's God's presence that causes the difference.

How do we practice being in God's presence?

1- Read His word often.

The background of the slide features a serene landscape of rolling hills. The hills are rendered in dark, muted tones of blue and green, with soft gradients that suggest a misty or early morning atmosphere. In the center of the horizon, there is a bright, warm glow, likely representing the sun rising or setting, which casts a golden light across the scene. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative, complementing the spiritual theme of the text.

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- 4- serve God when given the opportunity.

Psalm 139: 7-10 NKJV

Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.

When we are worried, God is our confidence.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 23:4 NKJV

When we are lonely, God is our companion.

**You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At
Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Psalm 16:11 NKJV

When we are tempted God as our counselor.

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

1 Corinthians 10:13 NKJV

When we are discouraged, God is a comforter.

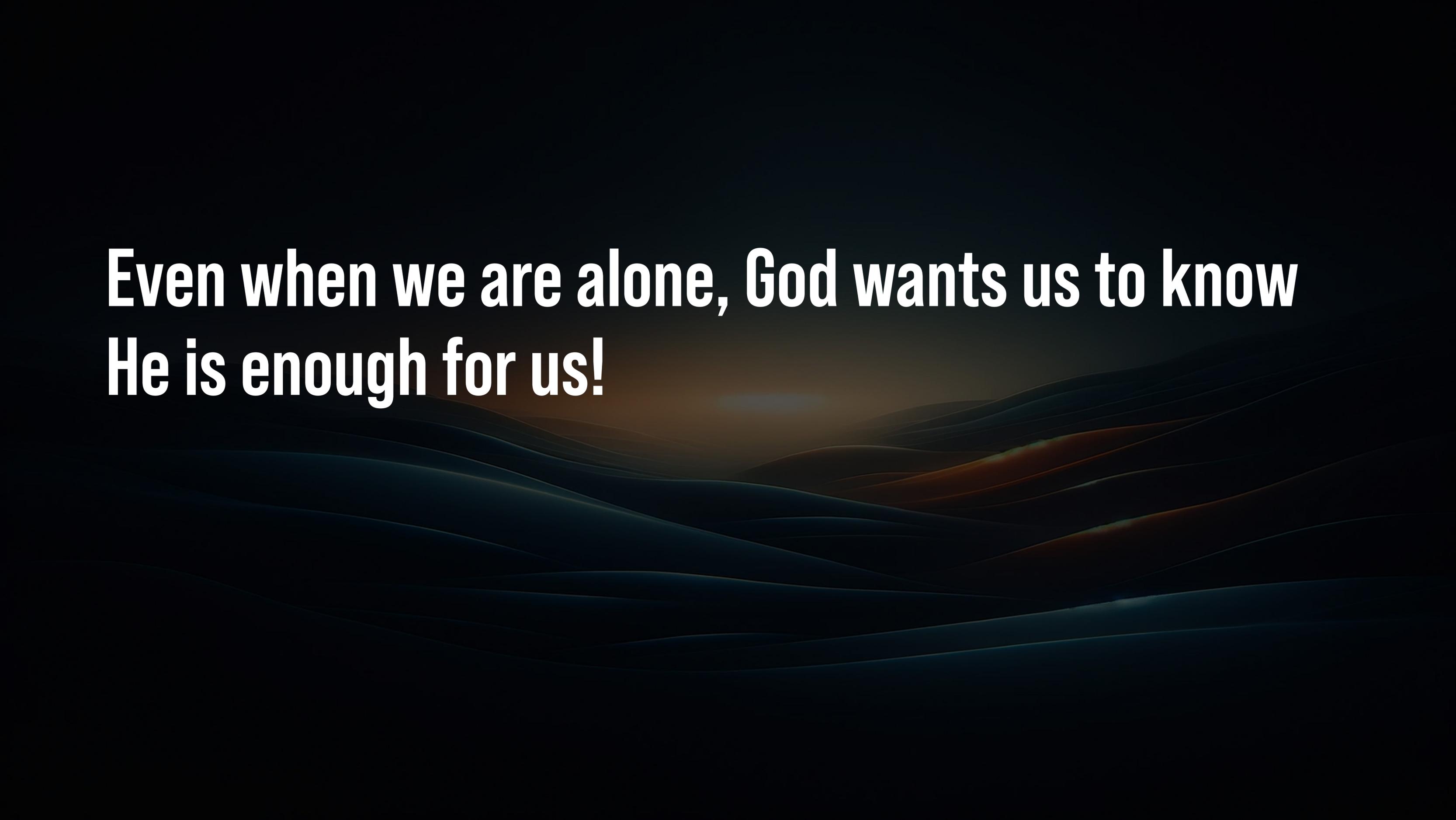
For You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 116:8-9 NKJV

Matthew 28:19-20

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

**Even when we are alone, God wants us to know
He is enough for us!**

The background of the image is a dark, atmospheric landscape. It features rolling hills and valleys, rendered in shades of deep blue and black. A soft, glowing light emanates from the horizon, creating a warm, golden-brown glow that illuminates the scene. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.