

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – December 12 - 17
Doing Live Together: Be Present

MONDAY: Proverbs 28:13, Psalm 51:2, John 17:25

KEY VERSE: 1 John 1:9

OBSERVATION Sometimes you can't sense God's presence because there's something blocking the communication between the two of you. He hasn't left, but your sensitivity to His presence might be affected by unconfessed sin in your life. David, the Psalmist, said, "When I kept silent (about his sin) my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord" -- and you forgave the guilt of my sin"

TUESDAY: Psalm 139:7, Joshua 5:13, Exodus 3:4

KEY VERSE: Genesis 28:16

OBSERVATION: What if you could walk into a room and be in the presence of God? What if you found God sitting in a chair, so that you could truly experience His presence, hear His voice, and be impacted by Him? Everything we do as Christians needs to be done from the presence of God. He's with you, but do you know it? Every person is always in the presence God because there is nowhere He is not, but today we are speaking of being aware of His presence, connected to Him, impacted by Him. He's with you, but do you know it?

WEDNESDAY: Deuteronomy 12:12, Psalm 95:2

KEY VERSE: Psalm 100:2

OBSERVATION: God inhabits the praises of His people. Ever wondered why you sometimes feel closer to God when you're in a church service, singing hymns or praise songs? Could be because that's where worship tends to take place. When you start praising Him, regardless of where you are, you'll sense His presence, probably because you're no longer focused on yourself, but on Him. When we open the door of our hearts to love Him, He will meet us there.

THURSDAY: Genesis 5:22, Genesis 17:1

KEY VERSE: Genesis 6:9

OBSERVATION: Even though most of the reference in the bible about walking with God should be taken figuratively, taking a walk brings your body, mind and heart to life. Feel spiritually dead? Get outside, move around, confess to Him what's on your heart and let Him waken you up, spiritually. My best times with God are when I'm walking while I pour out my heart to Him.

FRIDAY: Psalm 100:3, Isaiah 37:20

KEY VERSE: Psalms 46:10

OBSERVATION: Sometimes we can't sense God's presence because there's too much of everything else going on. Too much noise. Too much traffic. Too much confusion. Too many thoughts running rampant in our minds. Too much anxiety. Center your mind on Him and start to breathe deeply. Try it. Exhale the distracting thoughts. Inhale a desire to sense His presence. Exhale your pre-occupation with self. Inhale a desire to know Him more completely. Exhale the worries of the moment. Inhale His peace. Now, don't you feel better already? Can you begin to sense that you're in His arms?

SATURDAY: Matthew 13:21, John 15:16

KEY VERSE: John 15:5

OBSERVATION: There is nothing quite like the peace, joy and splendor that we experience in God's presence. All other experiences fail to match the experience of being with God. And while many people think that God is a far-off celestial being who comes only as He pleases, He is not. He is Emmanuel, meaning God with us. We can experience the presence of God through the move of the Holy Spirit because Jesus made a way for us to come to Him freely. Here are 10 verses that encourage and exhort us to experience the presence of God.