



HOLY MOMENTUM V – The Presence of God

Life-Link Study #9

INTRODUCTION

The Presence of God brings supernatural Holy Momentum. It is the will of God for us to progress on life's journey and not come to a halt. Momentum builds an attractive atmosphere of excitement. The Presence of God is the greatest builder of supernatural momentum in every area of life, including your home, church or work or personal life. "Out of the brightness of His Presence clouds advanced" (Ps 18:12)

STUDY

1. CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S ABIDING PRESENCE POWERS MOMENTUM.

If we are confident of the presence of God we walk in greater faith for God to accomplish good things through our trials and challenges. The power behind Momentum is the Presence of God.

Read Acts 8:1-7, 14

- Q.** What was the disciples' response to being persecuted and scattered? What was the outcome of their response?
- Q.** Sometimes we can interpret a trial to mean that God is less present or not with us? How do we avoid this wrong conclusion?
- Q.** How can we ensure trials cause us to step forward into greater momentum rather than step back through fear?

2. GOD IS WITH US AND IN US

Jesus was named by God "Immanuel", meaning 'God with us' (see Matt 1:23). Through Jesus, God is always with us. He is not absent or difficult to access. Jesus told disciples he would always be with them, and when He went to heaven, the Holy Spirit became the Presence of God living IN you and WITH you. (Acts 1:8; John 14:16)

Read: Matt 28:19-20, John 14:16

- Q.** In what way is God's presence with us, even when we don't 'feel' Him? What are the signs of His presence?

Leader's Tip: Some signs of God's presence include: Holy Spirit; an active conscience (1Tim1:19), conviction of sin (John 16:8), and the discipline of God (Heb 12:5). You can probably think of others.

- Q.** How can we assure our hearts of His continual presence?

3. CONFIDENT ACCESS TO GOD'S PRESENCE

Unlike the Old Testament's annual priestly access into Holy of Holies, we may enter God's holy presence confidently through Christ. (Heb 4:16). The OT priest went to the Holy Presence once a year with great difficulty and fear, wearing linen, walking sideways and carrying animal offerings. We, through Jesus, have constant access to the grace, help and presence of God because God is always present around us; we live in His presence. There's no need to strive to access what is already ours in Christ.

Read: Heb 4:14-16

4. A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

A personal encounter with God is real, tangible and life changing. The presence of God is a magnet drawing people to salvation and wholeness. God does not repel us, He draws us to Himself. He is with us and will never leave us.

Leader's Tip: The following questions are intended to promote some personal reflection and create the opportunity to pray for one another. Some people in your group may really value prayer to re-connect with God.

Q. The key to moving forward is to live out of a certainty that God is with us. How does your experience relate to this?

Q. We can live dislocated or disconnected from the presence of God, but we can reconnect through Jesus. Do you need to 'reconnect'? God responds to our heart's desire for a more intimate awareness of His presence. Seek Him!

Activity: Pray in two's or three's to let go of 'pre-Christ' thinking and allow the Holy Spirit to assure you of God's love and nearness. Pray for each other to live out of a confidence of His presence in every circumstance.

"WHERE WE ARE GOING IS NOT WHERE WE'VE BEEN BEFORE!"

PRAYER POINT –

In this space, take a few minutes and write down what you would like to pray about and pass it on to your team leader.

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