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IN HIS PRESENCE

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*"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*

How often have I asked the question of the Lord as to where is He; do You really care; do You really hear me? I would be blinded by the trees in the forest. Yes, the trees are the cluttered thoughts in the forest of my mind. I allowed myself to be plagued by my circumstances and it would lead me to conclude that God was not with me. I felt as though He left me behind. Dealing with life is an experience all the living must confront on a daily basis. It is the proof that one is alive and as the church folks say, "we're in the land of the living." The important thing every believer must hold as the foundation of their living experience is the commitment the Lord made to us as stated in the latter part of Hebrew 13:5, "...I will never leave you nor forsake you."

The above Psalm begins with the declaration made by its writer that God will reveal to him how to live out his life. And what makes life a palatable experience, believing in the presence of God being in one's life. The truths of scripture are only as effective as one's faith/belief in what is written.

The experience of Job's living revealed that, "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble (turmoil)," Job 14:1. We can attest to that in our conversation with most people about their lives. The reality of accepting that the presence of God affords us fullness of joy and the within His power are infinite pleasures. So when life's path presents less than comfortable moments, we need to use the eyes of Jesus and see as the Father sees who wants us to maintain the perspective of what being in His presence provides us in our understanding. We must not become removed from the knowledge that His presence is confirmed with us at all times and thus brings balance and stability to our life in difficult times and unpleasant situations.

The Hebrews writer in the first part of chapter 13 and verse 5 speaks to how we conduct our lifestyle without covetousness and being content with such things as we have. Most often our disgruntlement in life centers on our haves and have nots. In other words, we measure our contentment by the content of our things, successes, and recognition. These are such ever changing items that we cannot be stable in our mood and heart under these standards. However, if the standard of our heart and mood is contingent in our belief that we are always in the presence of the Lord than we can maintain a sense of inner joy that is always full and tap into the endless treasures of God which is love and peace and His favor.

Change the foundation of your joy and the objects of your pleasures and let them become based in being in His Presence.

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