

Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



WELCOME TO COWPLAIN CHURCH Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Guardian
Happy Day

11am BAPTISM
SINGING TOGETHER Firm Foundation
UPDATES Assistant Pastor Chris
SINGING TOGETHER Abide with me
BIBLE READING Psalm 16:1-11 (Church Bible page 599)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER..... It is well with my soul



Anchor ~4 How the presence of God brings stability in life. Psalm 16:1-11

'Where can I go from Your spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? If I go up to heaven, You're there. If I make my bed in the depths, You are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn and if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me and will hold me fast.' Psalm 139:7-10 NIV

'I am a God who is everywhere and not in one place. Do you not know that I am everywhere in heaven and on earth?' Jeremiah 23:24 GN

'He is not far from us. For in Him we live and move and have our being.' Acts 17:28 NIV

I. HOW GOD'S PRESENCE BENEFITS MY LIFE:

1. When I'm lonely, God is my _____.

'Turn to me, Lord, and be merciful, because I am lonely.' Psalm 25:16 GN

'God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you!' Hebrews 13:5 NIV

'For my days disappear like smoke, and my bones burn like red-hot coals. My heart is sick, withered like grass, and I have lost my appetite. Because of my groaning, I am reduced to skin and bones. I am like an owl in the desert, like a lonely owl in a far-off wilderness. I lie awake, lonely as a solitary bird on the roof.' Psalm 102:3-7 NLT

'I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me.' Psalm 142:4 NLT

(David) *'Your presence fills me with joy.'* Psalm 16:11 GN

'I keep the Lord before me always. Because he is close by my side, I will not be hurt. So I rejoice and am glad. Even my body has hope.' Psalm 16:8-9 NCV

'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.' Psalm 34:18 NIV

2. When I'm anxious, God is my _____.

'When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up – the flames will not consume you.' Isaiah 43:2 LB

'Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the

God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Daniel 3:16-18 NIV

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians 4:13 NKJV

'Even though I walk through the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.' Psalm 23:4 NIV

3. When I'm tempted, God is my _____.

'No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. He will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.' 2 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

'You (God) keep a close watch on all my paths.' Job 13:27 NIV

'If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.' Psalm 139:11-12 NIV

4. When I'm discouraged, God is my _____.

'The Lord is near to those who are discouraged. He saves those who have lost all hope.' Psalm 34:18 GN 'The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.' Psalm 34:18 LB

'I will ask the Father and he will give you another Comforter, and he will never leave you.' John 14:16 LB

'The Lord... stopped my tears and kept me from defeat. So I walk in the presence of the Lord... I kept on believing, even when I said, 'I'm completely crushed' and even when I was afraid and said, 'No one can be trusted.'" Psalm 116:8-11 GN

'When you go through deep waters and great troubles, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown.' Isaiah 43:2 LB

II HOW TO DAILY WALK IN GOD'S PRESENCE:

1. _____ Jesus into your life.

'Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come fearlessly into God's presence, assured of his glad welcome.' Ephesians 3:12 NLT

2. _____ your soul.

'Be still and know that I am God.' Psalm 46:10 NIV

'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.' James 4:8 NKJV

3. _____ to God about everything.

'Pray without ceasing.' 1 Thessalonians 5:17 NKJV

'Trust Him at all times O people; pour out your hearts to Him.' Psalm 62:8 NIV

4. _____ God at all times.

'Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.' Psalm 100:4 NIV

'Look! I have been standing at the door, and I am constantly knocking. If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.' Revelation 3:20 LB



1. Read Psalm 139:7-10. How does that make you feel that God is everywhere?
2. Why do you think the most common emotional pain in our society is loneliness?
3. What are some of the ways God deals with our issue of loneliness? (See some of the verses under point 1) How have you personally experienced that yourself? How can we be more sensitive to people who could be lonely and seek to help and encourage them?
4. Read Daniel 3:16-18. How do these verses show that fatalism (what will be will be) is unbiblical and that absolute confidence in God, no matter what happens, is true faith?
5. How can we live the kind of lives where we live each day with total confidence in God? Why does that change or can change when we go through difficult times in our lives?
6. How have you found 2 Corinthians 10:13 to be true in your own life?
7. How has the presence of God seen you through when you feel discouraged? See Psalm 34:18, John 14:16, Isaiah 43:2.
8. Discuss some practical ways you can apply the four ways to practice God's presence.



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