

## Empowered by God's Presence



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Scripture provides endless examples of how the presence of the Lord empowers his people to live for him. Take Moses, for example. He was convinced that without God's presence in his life, it was useless for him to attempt anything. When he spoke face to face with the Lord, he stated boldly, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here" (Exodus 33:15). He was saying, "Lord, if you're not with us, we are not going to make it. We will not go a single step without the assurance of your presence."

God's presence is what sets us apart from nonbelievers. The Old Testament is filled with accounts of great blessings that came to those who had God's presence with them. For instance, God's presence was so evident in Abraham's life that even the heathen around him recognized the difference between their lives and his. The heathen king Abimelech said, "God is with you in all that you do" (Genesis 21:22).

God promised Joshua that no enemy could stand against him when his presence was with him: "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage" (Joshua 1:5-6). When God's Spirit is present in your life, you can be a conqueror because you trust his promise to be with you in everything you do.

God shared with Isaiah a special promise he makes to those he loves: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine ... I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior ... Fear not, for I am with you" (Isaiah 43:1, 3, 5). With God's presence abiding in you, you can go through any fire and not just survive, but be kept safe and protected through it all. Just as it was with Moses, Abraham and others, you have a powerful testimony of God's presence in your life today.

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