

**BBCB Bible Study Notes**  
From the series: Getting to Know God  
*“The Presence of God”*  
June 4, 2017

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- God’s presence gives us \_\_\_\_\_ as we carry out Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 28:18-20).

4. How can we cultivate an awareness of God’s presence?

- \_\_\_\_\_ to become a follower of Jesus Christ. (John 1:12-13)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s voice (Psalm 46:10, John 10:1-5, Psalm 29)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ to God about everything (Psalm 62:8, I Thessalonians 5:17)
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ an “attitude of gratitude” (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

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## BBC Devotional Guide for June 4 to 10, 2017

**Sunday:** God's presence gives us comfort when we are lonely. What are some things we experience in life that can make us feel lonely? Read John 14:16-17. Who does Jesus say will come to be with his disciples? How does this promise apply to us when it comes to our loneliness?

**Monday:** God's presence gives us courage when we are afraid. Read Deuteronomy 31:6. What do you think the Israelites were afraid of as they headed toward the Promised Land? What are some things we are afraid of as we think about the future? What is courage? How does God's presence give us courage?

**Tuesday:** God's presence gives us strength when we are tempted. Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. How does the first part of this verse encourage you? How can knowing that God is with you and in you by His Spirit give you victory over temptation? Can you think of a practical example of this in your life?

**Wednesday:** God's presence gives us confidence as we carry out Christ's mission. Read Matthew 28:18-20. What mission does Jesus give his disciples? What promise does Jesus give His disciples in this passage? Why is this promise so important for them? Why is it so important for us?

**Thursday:** How can we cultivate an awareness of God's presence? First of all we need to choose to become a follower of Jesus Christ. Read John 1:12-13. How does a person become a follower of Christ? As followers of Christ we need to make time to listen to God's voice. Read Psalm 46:10. What are some things that keep us from "being still"? What can you do today to set aside time to listen for God's voice?

**Friday:** In order to cultivate an awareness of God's presence we need to talk to God about everything. Read Psalm 62:8 and I Thessalonians 5:17. How does pouring out our hearts to God benefit us? Another way to cultivate an awareness of God's presence is to develop an "attitude of gratitude". Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18. How can we develop the habit of giving thanks and praising God?

**Saturday:** Even though we may try to cultivate an awareness of God's presence, there are times when God seems distant. Read Job 23:8-10. Why do you think God would "hide his face" from His people? How should we respond?

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