

SERMON NOTES

October 10 & 11, 2026

Back to Basics: Seek God's Presence

Psalm 27:1-6

1. The main theme of scripture is _____ **Psalm 27:4**

Exodus 33:16

- **The problem of sin:** Sin _____ God's presence.

- **The promise of salvation:** Salvation through Jesus _____ God's presence.

- **The vision of heaven:** _____ God's presence.

Revelation 21:3

2. **Our problem:** When it comes to the presence of God in our lives, we are not just asleep, we are

_____.

Isaiah 52:1 | Ephesians 5:14

3. **How to stay awake to the Presence of God:**

a. The practice of _____.

Psalm 27:6

- We don't praise God with our _____, we praise God with our _____,
_____ and _____.

- If I am _____ my love for God, _____ God's
love for me in the way he wants.

- _____ worships something.

- Wakes me up to the reality that _____ and _____ for the
good in my life.

b. The practice of _____.

Psalm 27:4

- Wakes me up to _____.

Genesis 28:16 | Philippians 4:5-6

- God's presence is _____.

Matthew 6:9

c. My place of _____.

Psalm 27:2-3

- I _____.

John 11:34

Life Steps

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Monday

Psalms 27:1-4 | Psalm 46:10

Reflect: The word "dwell" in verse 4 means to reside, to remain with, to live with. David was not asking for more "from" God; he was asking for more "of" God. What's the difference? What prevents you from being aware of God's presence?

Prayer: Ask God to make you aware of his presence. Practice Psalm 46:10. Inhale saying, "Be still." Exhale saying, "And know God is God." Repeat several times. Sit in the quiet presence of God for two minutes. Now or sometime today, listen to "Holy Spirit" by Lizzie Morgan.

Tuesday

Psalms 27:1-5

Reflect: The main theme of scripture from Genesis to Revelation is the presence of God. When Israel was in trouble but still aware of the presence of God, they prevailed. Jesus is called "Emmanuel," God with us. God's people, including us, get into trouble when we forget or fall asleep to God's presence. (Isaiah 52:1 | Ephesians 5:14) When do you most fall asleep to God's presence? Name challenges you are facing where God's presence would make all the difference.

Prayer: Ask God to make you aware of His presence. Inhale saying, "Be still." Exhale saying, "And know God is God." Repeat several times. Sit in the quiet presence of God for two minutes.

Wednesday

Psalms 27:1-6

Reflect: David was an imperfect leader, but he praised God when on the mountain or when in the valley. C. S. Lewis said, "We delight in what we enjoy because praise not merely expresses, but completes the environment. Our delight is incomplete until it is expressed." How have you experienced the truth of C. S. Lewis statement?

Prayer: Ask God to make you aware of His presence. Sit in the quiet presence of God for two minutes, then listen to "Shout to the Lord" by Hillsong and sing along.

Thursday

Philippians 4:5-6

Reflect: Prayer isn't the practice that brings us closer to God because we have been far away; prayer wakes us up to how close God has always been. "The Lord is near." Name and present your requests to God.

Prayer: Ask God to make you aware of His presence. Inhale saying, "Be still." Exhale saying, "And know God is God." Repeat several times. Sit in the quiet presence of God for two minutes.

Friday

Psalms 23:1-4

Reflect: David understood pain and frequently wrote about it in the book of Psalms. God meets us in our pain and suffering. How have you experienced this truth?

Prayer: Name your current places of pain, rejection, disappointment, loss. Ask God to meet you there. Ask God to make you aware of his presence. Sit in the quiet presence of God for two minutes.

Saturday

Luke 10:41-42 | John 9:25 | Mark 10:21 | Philippians 3:12-14 | Psalm 27:4

Reflect: In the past few weeks, we have looked at 5 basic "one thing" practices of a Jesus follower: Love Jesus, Tell Your Story, Be Generous, Be Faithful, Seek God's Presence. Assess yourself by arranging this list in order, 1 to 5, strongest to weakest. What are your action steps? Who do you know who needs an invite to join you for worship?

Prayer: God, make me aware of your transforming, life-changing presence. Do a new work in me and use me to build your church.

Sunday

Philippians 2:5-8

Reflect: To fully experience the presence of God, we would be wise to imitate Jesus and totally empty ourselves of everything except God. What are the challenges of doing that?

Prayer: Ask God to make you aware of God's presence. Empty yourself of everything but God. Pray for God's grace to fill you. Be still and know that God is God. Ask for God's grace to flow through you into others all day long.