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---Message Notes

The Story of the Presence of God

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God takes the biggest challenges that we face and MAKES THEM THE VICTIM of a small stone.

The same Jesus that MULTIPLIED is the same Jesus who ORGANIZED. He is a both/and God.

[Acts 1:8](#) - Blueprint for where we WANT TO GO as a church and for what we WANT TO BE as a church.

We CANNOT UNDERESTIMATE the role of the Holy Spirit in the founding, development and growth of the early church.

Jesus said it is better to have the Holy Spirit than to have Me in the flesh. -[John 16:7](#)

1. We cannot afford to be ignorant of the Holy Spirit
2. We cannot afford to be confused about the Holy Spirit.

We need the Holy Spirit MORE than we realize. Without Him we aren't getting very far. Our abilities will only take us this far.

Holy Spirit has to be driving, has to be in the center, has to be priority all the time.

His presence has a transformational factor.

In the presence of God things are different.

When you experience His presence, the words of Jesus "***come to all who are weary and heavy laden***" are no longer just a memory verse, BUT AN EXPERIENCE.

[Ephesians 5:18](#)

It's not about being strong in yourself. It's about being filled with the Spirit.

[Acts 1:4](#) - This Mission of God

1. We must VALUE the presence of God more than anything.

[Exodus 33:15](#)

There is a difference between RECOGNIZING the presence of God and PRIORITIZING the presence of God.

[Exodus 33:15-16](#)

What will distinguish us from all the nations of the world if God's presence DOES NOT GO with us?

2. We must realize for us to get in the presence of God is also EVERYTHING for God.

[Matthew 27:51](#)

Sin created distance between man and God.

When God tore the partition He is saying the separation is a separation no more.

The cross is a picture of how badly GOD WANTED TO GET WITH US again. The extent of how much God prioritized being with us.

[Prayer Unusual](#)

We were made for the presence of God.

A PRAYER to PRAY: Our Father in Heaven thank you for your Holy Spirit. Teach us to appreciate the helper You left for us. Teach us to understand the value and purpose in getting closer to You through your Holy Spirit. Let us learn what it means to truly live in relationship with You. Thank you for Pastor Zeb and his ability to bring his testimony all the way from Ethiopia to us in the US. Let us truly hear what he taught and live it out each day. All this I pray in Jesus' name amen

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