

**GOING DEEPER**

**Moving to the next level in God**

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**Now is the time to seek the Lord**

- **Luke 10:21-24**
  - *<sup>21</sup> At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. <sup>22</sup> "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." <sup>23</sup> Then he turned to his disciples and said privately, "Blessed are the eyes that see what you see. <sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it."*

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**Now is the time to go deeper**

- **Daniel 11:32**
  - *but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits*
- **We will be effective for God when we have an intimate relationship with Him**

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### God has a purpose in Intimacy

- He wants to reveal himself through you
- He wants us to be His hands and feet
- He wants us to be fruitful, to birth things through our lives
- Because without Him we can do nothing

*Intimacy brings us into His presence*

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### In God's Presence

- Joy, love, peace, freedom, healing, salvation , transformation, revelation all come from His presence.
- Love care counsel comfort nurture training miracles

*We are in heaven !!*

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### Do You value the presence of God?

*<sup>15</sup> Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. <sup>16</sup> How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"*

Exodus 33:15,16

*The presence of God makes us stand out.*

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## Don't take it for granted

- For example David
- Psalm 51:11
  - *Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.*

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## How to grow in intimacy

- Desire
- Prioritise a time and place
- Tune in/God conscious
- Open up your heart and let Him in
- Worship/talk/open up/focus/listen/respond

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## Blocks to intimacy

- Fear
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- Exodus 34:30
  - *So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him.*

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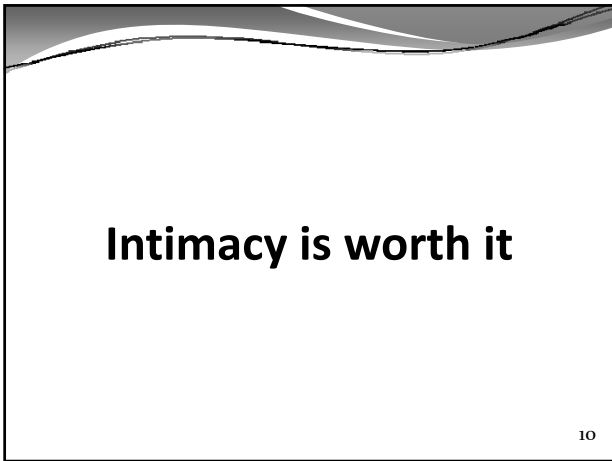
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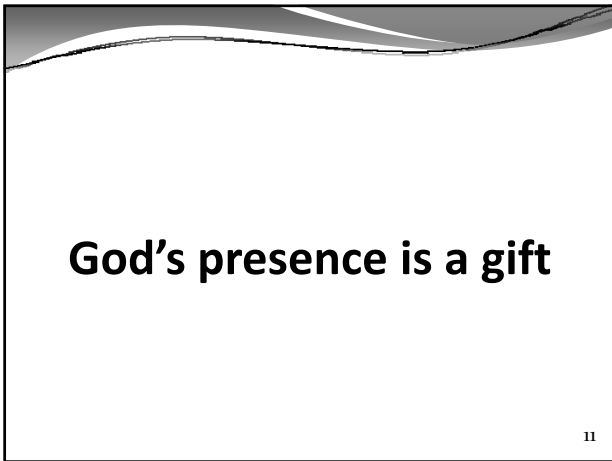
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