

(Sermon Clip) You Will Not Be Discouraged When Jesus Is With You

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Scripture: Psalms 16:11, Isaiah 58:11, James 1:22, Colossians 3:16

Topics: "God's Presence", "Joy in Righteousness"

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Transcript

The Lord has been with me every time and he has delivered me. And that's why I never get discouraged. Never, I can't even remember the last time I got discouraged 20-30 years ago.

Why? How can you be discouraged when Jesus is with you? If you get discouraged you are testifying Jesus is not with me right now. There is one way by which I have found out to test whether I am in the Lord's presence all the time or not. It's a simple test.

For myself it has worked for many years. No, we can all imagine, I am in the presence of God. Especially when you have a little quiet time in the morning, you read the Bible and you pray, I am in the presence of God.

How can you get up from that place and go and sin? How can you go and lust after a woman after that? How can you get angry with your wife after that? Were you in God's presence? No, you were just reading the Bible. You could be reading the Bible like you read a science book. That's all.

It doesn't mean God's presence. For myself this is the test. If you want you can accept it.

Psalm 16 verse 11, in the middle of that verse it says, In thy presence is fullness of joy. Did you hear that? In God's presence there is not just joy but fullness of joy. It's like an overflowing fountain.

Where there is an overflowing stream all the time, everything will be green, nothing will be dry. Is your life like that? Fullness of joy. Never discouraged.

Never in a bad mood. Fullness of joy in God's presence. Then every word that comes out of your mouth will have an anointing and a freshness about it.

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