

THE PRESENCE

- Word of the Lord for **2024: A Year of the Presence of the Lord**. *It's a year for God's people to become God's shadow and only move when he moves and stay still when he's staying still. The world around you will get darker, more fearful, and more confusing in 2024. There will be events that will shatter the confidence of some and throw entire man-made systems into chaos. But those who have anchored their life in the presence of the Lord will not only survive the dark times, but they will thrive in the dark times and others will look to you for consolation and direction. Practice my presence daily and throughout each day. Long for my presence like you long for oxygen to breathe. Gather together with others who esteem my presence and separate yourself from intimate connections with those who dishonor my presence. The gulf is widening, and the glory is necessary in order for you to know how to take steps of victory. The decision is yours. Choose today and every day. Blessing, presence, wisdom, favor, healing, prosperity, protection, and all that heaven has in store for you. Or struggle, carnality, personal preference, worldly insight, public opinion, and all that Satan wants to throw your way.*
- In this year, things will get darker for the world around us, but brighter for those of us who are anchored in HIS PRESENCE.
- **QUOTE:** *God is positioning His people to show forth His glory, His power, His anointing, and His provision to a world that is running out of answers.*

Week #1 – Be Led by His Presence

Romans 8:14 (NKJV) – *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.*

Romans 8:14 (NCV) – *The true children of God are those who let God's Spirit lead them.*

- The implication here is that:
- **QUOTE:** *It's possible to be born again but be led by someone or something other than God.*
- **QUOTE:** *What God has planned for us is far better than what we could ever script out for ourselves.*

I Corinthians 14:10 (DARBY) – *There are, it may be, so many kinds of VOICES in the world, and none of undistinguishable sound.*

- There are many unique voices speaking to us daily, trying to gain mastery over the course of our lives
- **OTHER VOICES:**
 - **Reason/Intellect**
 - **Our Own Will**
 - **Our Own Emotions** – Joyce Meyer said, “emotions have been nominated as the Christians number one enemy.”
 - **Our Own Flesh (Body)**
 - **Culture**

Matthew 7:13, 14 (NCV) – *“Enter THROUGH THE NARROW GATE. THE GATE IS WIDE AND THE ROAD IS WIDE THAT LEADS TO HELL, AND MANY PEOPLE ENTER THROUGH THAT GATE. ¹⁴ But the gate is SMALL and the road is NARROW that leads to true life. Only a few people find that road.*

Romans 12:2 (MSG) – *Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.*

QUOTE: **We cannot afford to have our lives shaped by the opinions and approvals of others.**
 - **Politics**

Jeremiah 29:11 (NCV) – *I say this because I know what I am planning for you,” says the Lord. “I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.*

- **QUOTE:** *If we could only get a glimpse into what God had planned for us, it would strengthen and encourage us to do things His way and His way ONLY.*
- Getting that glimpse happens in the presence of God.
- In His presence, WE GET UNSTUCK!!