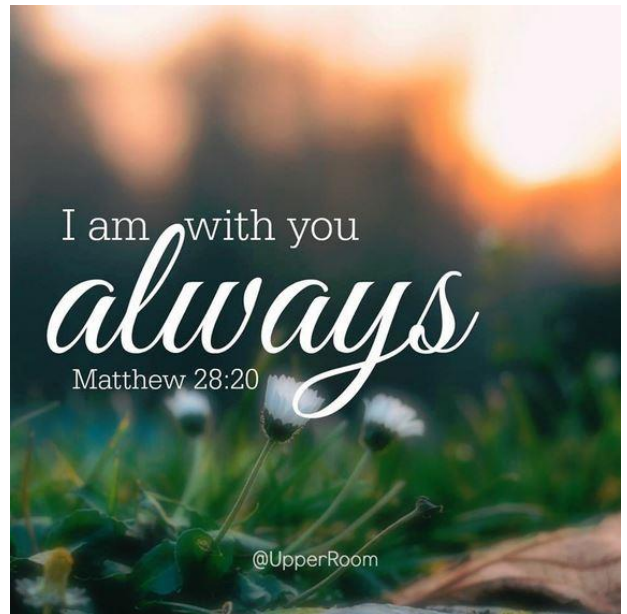


Know that God is in the Room

People often act differently depending on who is around them at the time. They may hesitate to say something in a meeting if a particular person is present. On the other hand, they may be especially good when trying to impress someone. Legendary UCLA basketball coach John Wooden said, “The true test of a man’s character is what he does when no one is watching.” The question is: What do you do when you are not trying to impress someone? The answer says a lot about you.

We go through life with blinders on, thinking we are alone and no one else has the same issues as we do. The truth is, we are never alone. God is in the room with us at all times. With that thought in mind let’s look at Proverbs 28:14. It says, *“Blessed is the one who always trembles before God, but whoever hardens their heart falls into trouble.”* Don’t be confused by the word “tremble.” Among many definitions is to “stand in awe of.” It is also considered synonymous with “fear.” Fear of God is a good thing as it drives us to do the right thing. Hosea 3:5 says, *“Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.”* Fear and trembling are motivators for us.



If God is in the room with us we will want to do the right thing. We just don’t think of it as we should. Just think how differently you might act. You will handle differences of opinion and adversity differently if you remember God is there with you. Just think how you will handle the stresses of life differently, knowing He is there with and for you.

As you go throughout your day think back to the catchphrase of the late 1990’s – “What Would Jesus Do?” There is a lot of wisdom in that. We want to do the right thing. We not only want to do what Jesus would do, but take it one step further by knowing God is in the room. Let his presence be a guide for how you live your life.

Question: How can you discipline yourself to practice the Lord’s presence?

Prayer: Most gracious Heavenly Father. We know you are present in our life, every moment of every day. We pray that the “real me” will be pleasing to you, and that we will treat you and every situation a way that shines your light through us. Amen.