

One-On-One with God

As I begin writing this story I am at a busy airport. The waiting room is a hub for many smaller planes, all leaving from the same concourse. Flights are leaving every few minutes, so boarding announcements seem to come at least every 15 seconds, sometimes two or three at the same time. If you have traveled recently you know that the boarding process has a hierarchy for when people are allowed on the plane. With some airlines there are as many as 27 categories divided into six different groups of passengers. To add to the confusion people seated on both sides and across from me are talking loudly on their cell phones. Plus, there is a guy walking around carrying on a conversation with himself. His ear buds give away the fact that he is also on his cell phone, just not holding it to his face. With all the noise around me it is impossible to concentrate on my own task at hand – trying to compose and write down my own thoughts for this devotion. Perhaps you can relate to this, too.



So, how do you think it is for God if millions of people are all praying to Him at the same time? How does God concentrate on any one person's prayerful dialogue? How can He be one-on-one with you in your time of need?

God is listening intently. There is no way we can comprehend God's unlimited power to multi-task. Our human understanding limits Him to be in one place at a time. "But God is unrestricted by time and space. He is not bound by the physical laws that restrict us mere mortals." God is everywhere at one time. The theological term for this is omnipresent. The Bible tells us this in Psalm 139:7-19 (see below). The word omnipresent means "He is present to you while at the same time present to others in your family, your circle of friends, indeed, the whole world. When you feel God's presence in your life, it's very personal." Even though we don't understand how He does it, He is giving you His undivided attention. *And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).* God's abilities truly are beyond all human understanding.

Without a doubt God can fully be one-on-one with each of us regardless of how many others around the world are talking with Him at the same time. He is the creator of the universe in all its complexities. Never, ever think that God doesn't have time for you or that your prayer is too insignificant. Each one of us is His #1 priority.

God would do very well at this airport because He is one-on-one with each of us.

Questions: How often do you go the Lord in prayer? Do you truly feel He is listening specifically to you?

Scripture: *Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.*

Prayer: Dear Lord. We know You are never too busy or distracted to clearly hear us. Thank you for being there for each of us, always, until the end of the age. Amen.

Quotes: All quotes in this devotion are from Answering the Toughest Questions About God and the Bible, by Bruce Bickel and Stan Jantz.

Other verses about God's Omnipresence:

- *His eyes are on the ways of mortals; he sees their every step (Job 34:21)*
- *The eyes of the LORD are everywhere, keeping watch on the wicked and the good (Proverbs 15:3)*
- *He is before all things, and in him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17)*