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- 2) God *saves* us, *empowers* us, and then *calls* us to be His hands and feet... yet He doesn't force us... He waits for us to step out in _____, And when we do - God gets all the credit!
- 3) The purpose of _____ in prayer is not to coerce God do my will - but to remind myself where my help comes from.

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- 4) When our plans fall apart - keep _____ and _____ the Lord.

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- 1) We need to be *reminded* of God's truth because it's about OBEDIENCE, not knowledge.
- 2) God *saves* us, *empowers* us, and then *calls* us to be His hands and feet... yet He doesn't force us... He waits for us to step out in OBEDIENT FAITH, And when we do - God gets all the credit!
- 3) The purpose of AGONIZING in prayer is not to coerce God do my will - but to remind myself where my help comes from.

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- 4) When our plans fall apart - keep OBEYING and SERVING the Lord.

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- God's PRESENCE
- God's PURPOSE
- God's PLAN

John 14:16-17 - "[16] *And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- [17] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*"

Some people might (wrongly) think that God is only with us when we are at church, or praying, or with other believers - but these verses reveal that God is *always* with us. **How should this truth change the way you think/act?**

TAKING IT HOME

- 8) Looking back at this week's teaching and homework, what is most important for you to remember and why?
- 9) God put Paul in many different situations so he could share the gospel with them. Who has God put in your life that needs the gospel?

What are you doing to reach them for Jesus?

Pray that God would lead them to His salvation.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of April 24, 2022

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- 1) Give some examples of plans you once had that didn't work out (or at least, not how you expected).

REVIEW

- 2) Looking back at your notes, what stood out to you from this week's message? (Favorite point? Questions? etc..)

DIGGING DEEPER

- 3) This week we talked about Three Things to Remember When Our Plans Fall Apart: **God's Presence, Purpose, and Plan**. Which of these is easiest for you to remember, and why?

Which of these is hardest, and why?

- 4) When plans have fallen apart in your life, what has been most helpful/encouraging for you to remain faithfully obedient?

- 5) Read Jesus' words to the disciples below, noting any highlights or questions you have.

Luke 12:4-7 - "[4] *And I say to you, My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. [5] But I will show you whom you should*

fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! [6] "Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? And not one of them is forgotten before God. [7] "But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Why do you think Jesus told His disciples this?

What do you think it means to fear God?

Suppose a friend asked you this question: "If God remembers and cares for me, why does He let me suffer?" How would you answer this question?

6) Read the Psalm below. (Tip: We usually use the New King James Version of the Bible. If you're confused, try looking up the passage in the New Living Translation, which is simpler.)

Psalm 16:1-11 - "[1] A Michtam of David. Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust. [2] O my soul, you have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, My goodness is nothing apart from You." [3] As for the saints who are on the earth, "They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight." [4] Their sorrows shall be multiplied who hasten after another god; Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, Nor take up their names on my lips. [5] O LORD, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot. [6] The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a good

inheritance. [7] I will bless the LORD who has given me counsel; My heart also instructs me in the night seasons. [8] I have set the LORD always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved. [9] Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. [10] For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. [11] You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

What stands out to you? What confuses you?

In what way(s) can you relate to David?

Looking through the Psalm, what did David **do** or **remember** to strengthen His hope in God?

7) What do the following verses reveal to you about God's personal presence in your life?

Matthew 28:20 - ""teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Galatians 2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."