

# Fear That Draws You Closer

5-Day Devotional - 3.15.26

## Day 1

### The Omnipresent God Who Pursues You

**Reading:** Psalm 139:7-12

**Devotional:**

God's omnipresence means there is nowhere you can go that He is not already there. Whether you're climbing the heights of success or walking through the valley of despair, God surrounds you. This reality should bring both comfort and conviction. You cannot hide from His love, nor can you escape His call to holiness. Today, acknowledge that God has been with you through every moment of your journey. He hasn't abandoned you in your struggles or your sins. Instead, He's been patiently waiting for you to turn toward Him. Let this truth transform how you approach your day—knowing you walk in the constant presence of the Almighty changes everything about how you live.

**Reflection:**

Since God sees and knows every part of your life (Psalm 139:1-12), what area of your life do you need to bring honestly before Him today?

## Day 2

### The Holy Fear That Leads to Intimacy

**Reading:** Exodus 20:18-21

**Devotional:**

The fear of the Lord is not terror that drives us away, but reverence that draws us near. When the Israelites encountered God at Mount Sinai, they ran in fear because they still carried Egypt—sin and worldliness—in their hearts. Moses understood something different: fearing God means protecting what matters to Him, treating His presence as sacred, not casual. This holy fear actually deepens intimacy with God. When you fear disappointing God more than you fear consequences, you're moving toward friendship with Him. Today, examine your heart: Are you running from God because of unrepentant sin, or are you drawing near because you treasure His presence above all else? True intimacy requires honesty about what separates us from Him.

**Reflection:**

What attitudes, habits, or compromises in your life might be dulling your reverence for God and keeping you from drawing near to Him?

## Day 3

### Preparing for the Manifest Presence

**Reading:** 2 Chronicles 5:11-14

**Devotional:**

The manifest presence of God is when His power becomes visible and experienced—like electricity flowing when you flip the switch. The priests in Solomon's temple couldn't even perform their duties because God's glory filled the house. This happened during unified worship, when hearts were aligned in praise. Are you positioning yourself to experience God's manifest presence? This requires preparation: washing off the "Egypt" of worldly compromise, creating space through worship, and approaching with expectancy rather than casual indifference. You may attend church regularly and experience God's omnipresence, but are you leaving something on the table? God wants to reveal Himself in powerful ways, but He responds to hunger, unity, and reverence. Prepare your heart today as though the King Himself is coming to meet with you.

**Reflection:**

Is your worship and approach to God marked by unity, reverence, and sincere praise as seen in 2 Chronicles 5:13-14?

## Day 4

### From Slave to Friend

**Reading:** John 15:12-17

**Devotional:**

Jesus made an astounding declaration: "I no longer call you servants, but friends." Being God's friend means He shares secrets with you, consults with you, and invites you into deeper relationship. Abraham was called God's friend because he feared God and passed the test of obedience. Moses encountered God at the burning bush and was forever changed, leading him to prioritize God's presence above comfort or provision. Friendship with God doesn't eliminate servanthood—it elevates it. You serve not out of obligation but out of love and intimacy. Today, ask yourself: Am I content being merely a servant, or am I hungry for the friendship God offers? This friendship requires vulnerability, obedience, and treating holy things as sacred. God is extending the invitation—will you accept it?

**Reflection:**

According to Jesus in John 15:14, how is obedience connected to friendship with Him in your daily life?

## Day 5

### Treasuring What God Treasures

**Reading:** Isaiah 33:6

**Devotional:**

"The fear of the Lord is the key to this treasure." What treasure are you seeking? God offers salvation, wisdom, knowledge, and His very presence—but the key to accessing these riches is the fear of the Lord. When you treasure intimacy with God above all else, you stop flirting with sin and start fleeing from anything that would separate you from Him. Like a faithful spouse who guards the intimacy of marriage, we must guard our relationship with God. The greatest tragedy isn't losing blessings—it's losing closeness with the One who blesses. Today, identify what you've been treating casually that God considers holy: worship, prayer, His Word, fellowship with believers. Recommit to treasuring these things. When you fear God properly, you don't have to fear anything else. His presence becomes your everything, and nothing the world offers can compare.

**Reflection:**

Do your priorities and daily choices reflect that you truly treasure God's presence, wisdom, and truth above everything else?