Experiencing the Presence of God

In the midst of pain and suffering



By Robin Png RHM Care Pastor www.restorativehearts.org How do you <u>experience</u> the presence of God in the midst of pain and suffering?

By Setting Aside Time <u>Intentionally</u> And Open Your Heart <u>Completely</u> To God As You Come Into His Throne Of <u>Grace</u> To Receive <u>Mercy</u> and find Grace.

Hebrews 4:16 ESV

Let us then with confidence draw near to the **<u>throne</u>** of grace, that we may receive <u>mercy</u> and find <u>grace</u> to <u>help</u> in time of <u>need</u>.

How does God assure you of His presence?

James 4:8 ESV

Draw near to God and he will draw **near** to you.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 ESV

Then you will call upon me and go and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.



Does God assure you that He will listen to your prayer?

Psalm 145:18-19

The Lord is <u>near</u> to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He <u>fulfills</u> the desire of those who fear him; he also <u>hears</u> their cry and <u>saves</u> them.

Psalm 118:5-6

Out of my <u>distress</u> I called on the Lord; the Lord <u>answered</u> me and set me <u>free</u>. The Lord is on <u>my</u> side; I will <u>not</u> fear.

Psalm 116:1-2

I <u>love</u> the Lord, for he <u>heard</u> my voice; he heard my cry for <u>mercy</u>. Because he <u>turne</u>d his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.



What would be helpful when you are in His presence?

You can have a sincere, heartfelt communication with God.

You can **cry** and let God know how you **feel**.

You can have an **authentic** and sincere time of **worshiping** God

You can have a time of **reflecting** of your personal **history** with God that has brought you where you are now.

You can believe on His promises and assurances of love, mercy, goodness and healing.

You can have a quiet time remembering the **goodness** and **mercy** of God in your life all these years.

You can have a time of silence and solitude with God and learn to rest in His presence.



How do you feel, sense or be aware of the presence of God?

You may experience His **presence** in one or several of the following ways

In Your Emotions

1. You feel a deep sense of **calm**, tranquility, and stillness.

2. You feel an overwhelming happiness, delight, and elation.

3. You feel enveloped in unconditional love and acceptance.

4. You feel **comforted** by a sense of solace, **consolation**, and reassurance.

5. You feel a heartfelt thankfulness and appreciation.

In Your Body

 You feel a soothing warmth, like a hug.
You feel lightness having a sense of weightlessness, freedom, and release.

3. You feel a tingling **sensation** that is **gentle** and pleasant in your hands, feet, or body.

4. You feel calmed and experience a deep muscle relaxation.

5. You feel a sense of renewed vitality, strength, and energy.

In Your Spirit

- 1. You feel a sense of **closeness** and union with God.
- 2. You feel a sense of being **guided** with a clear direction, timely **wisdom**, and discernment.
- 3. You feel assured and confident that you can trust God completely.
- 4. You feel a sense of hope because of renewed optimism, promise, and assurance.
- 5. You feel a sense of being **renewed**, empowered and energised.



In Your Mind

1. You have a clarity of **mind** and focus.

2. You have a deeper understanding, wisdom, and perspective.

3. You have a new **awareness**, discernment, and knowledge on your circumstance.

4. You have a **peace** of mind that is free from worry, anxiety, and doubt.

5. You have a sense of **purpose** with clear direction, calling, or mission.

In Your Five Senses

1. You have visions, dreams, or mental images.

2. You hear a gentle, still voice or whisper.

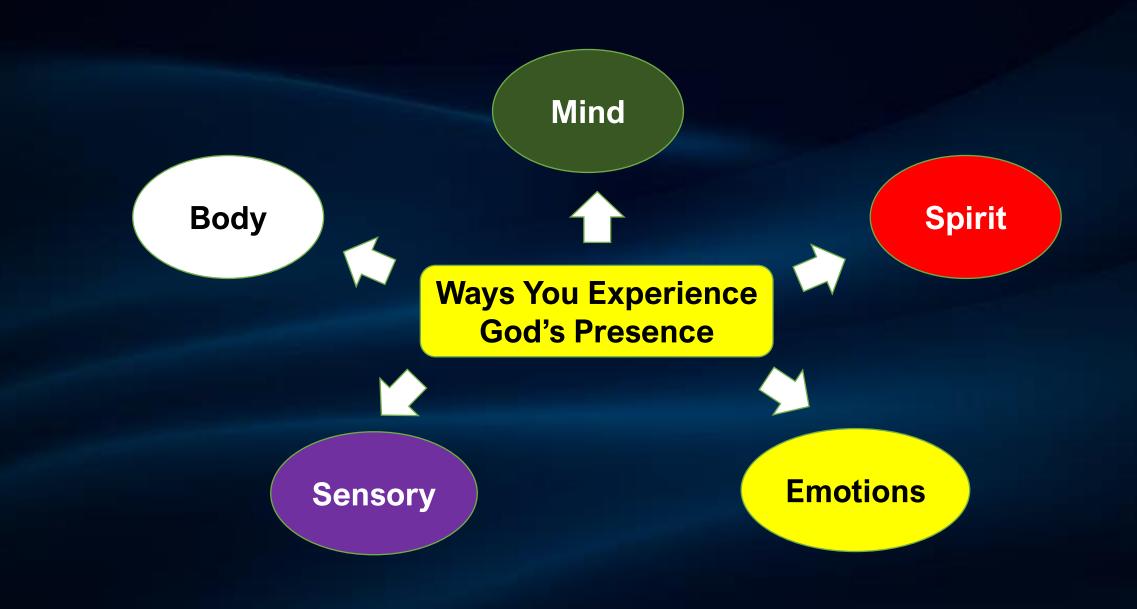
3. You **smell** the presence of fragrance, scent, or **aroma** around you.

4. You feel being **touched** by a warm and gentle hand on your body.

5. You taste a sweetness, joy or spiritual nourishment in your heart.

6. You hear a gentle humming or singing or heavenly music

7. You experience a beautiful **tongue** coming out from your mouth and smell a sweet **fragrance** around you.



My Personal Reflection



I can have a fresh **touch** from the Lord, as I sincerely bare my **soul** before Him with a clear **conscience** and a genuine **faith**. God knows that I **love** Him and He **knows** what is in my heart. Thank you Jesus!



Dear Lord Jesus, **touch** my heart and my body. Let the fresh **dew** of Heaven fall **afresh** on me. Let your divine touch bring **healing** to my body and **restoration** to my heart. In Jesus' mighty name I pray. Amen.

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