



# KING OF KINGS. AND YOU.

## *Advent 2020*

### NOVEMBER 25

Exodus 33:14

*The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."*

#### Time with God

Take a few moments to talk to God about the busyness of the next month, your desire to be with Him, and His ability to keep your body, mind, and soul rested.

### NOVEMBER 26

Deuteronomy 31:8

*The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

#### Time with God

Where are the places you might feel forsaken, afraid, or discouraged? Talk to God about His nearness during and through such times.

### NOVEMBER 27

Philippians 4:5

*Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

#### Time with God

Ask God to help you to daily recognize His presence in a way that stressful holiday tensions actually become opportunities for His gentleness to be displayed through your life.

### NOVEMBER 28

Leviticus 26:11-12

*I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you. I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.*

#### Time with God

Take a few moments to envision God walking with you throughout your day. Do you see Him "among" you in the activities that fill your calendar today?

### NOVEMBER 29

Psalm 34:18

*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

#### Time with God

Who do you know who is broken and crushed by life? Maybe it's you. Talk to God about ways He may want to be with you or employ you in His closeness during some rough times.

### NOVEMBER 30

Matthew 18:20

*For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.*

#### Time with God

Are you traveling with God alone this season or with others? Ask God who He might want you to journey with (there's strength in numbers). Ask also, "Lord, is there someone I need to reach out to who needs Your with-ness?"

### DECEMBER 1

Hebrews 13:5

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

#### Time with God

Take a moment with God to review where you've spent your time, money, and energy. Ask God, "Have I recognized You in all these things? Is Your love still my greatest joy and contentment?"

### DECEMBER 2

I Corinthians 3:16

*Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*

#### Time with God

Think about what it means that God shows up in you in the same measure He shows up in the church sanctuary. Ask God how you can be His Spirit-filled church to those around you.

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### DECEMBER 3

Exodus 29:46

*They will know that I am the Lord their God, who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them. I am the Lord their God.*

#### Time with God

What are the Egypt-like places from which God has brought you? Thank Him. He was with you then, give Him thanks for His closeness today.

### DECEMBER 4

Psalms 139:7-10

*Where can I go from your Spirit? ...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 righthand will hold me fast.*

#### Time with God

Are you comforted or dis comforted by God's "always there" presence? Talk to Him about your answer. Can you imagine His with-you attendance in all the places you plan to be today?

### DECEMBER 5

Genesis 28:15

*"I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you."*

#### Time with God

God promised Abraham that he would be the father of many nations. As you listen, do you hear God making any promises to you? Perhaps share with God some places you need His promises and presence in your life.

### DECEMBER 6

John 14:23

*Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."*

#### Time with God

"And we will come..."The love of the Father, the grace of Jesus, and the close fellowship of the Holy Spirit all taking up residence in you as you obey... talk to God about what parts of that truth encourages and challenges you most.

### DECEMBER 7

Isaiah 41:10

*So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

#### Time with God

What do you fear this Christmas season...family weirdness, lack of money, loneliness, grief, illness, despair? God's presence is greater than all fear. Ask Him to replace any fear with His love and strength.

### DECEMBER 8

Psalms 145:18

*The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.*

#### Time with God

The Lord is available for you today. He wants to get to the root of your need and concern. He's not interested in temporary and "feel good" fixes but will be ever present for those willing to do the work that leads to really living. God is near and ready to listen. Are you ready to call on Him and follow where truth leads?

### DECEMBER 9

1 Corinthians 5:4

*So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present...*

#### Time with God

The greater context of this passage assures us that God is with us through life's darkest ordeals. What dark life circumstances are you aware of that need God's presence and power? Ask God to intervene and bring restoration.

### DECEMBER 10

Haggai 2:4

*But now 'be strong...and work. For I am with you,' declares the Lord Almighty.*

#### Time with God

How might God want to show up with you at work this holiday season? Talk to God about how your closeness with Him can draw co-workers or classmates closer to Him as well.



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### DECEMBER 11

Matthew 28:20

... and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

#### Time with God

Think about the difference between God being with you "sometimes" versus "always." Talk to God about some places in your life where you haven't always showed up but He always has.

### DECEMBER 12

Deuteronomy 20:1

When you go to war against your enemies and see horses and chariots and an army greater than yours, do not be afraid of them, because the Lord your God, who brought you up out of Egypt, will be with you.

#### Time with God

Holidays aren't always happy. Speak to God about being moment-by-moment present with you as you love and deal with your "enemies."

### DECEMBER 13

Psalm 46:7

The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

#### Time with God

The same God who was with Jacob is with you today. Take a few moments to recall the many ways God has been with you in the past. Thank Him for the ways He faithfully keeps showing up in the present.

### DECEMBER 14

Joshua 1:9

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

#### Time with God

Why not actually and intentionally invite God to go with you "wherever you go" today? You might be surprised how aware you are of how "with you" He really is.

### DECEMBER 15

Jeremiah 23:23-24

"Am I only a God nearby," declares the Lord, "and not a God far away? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?" declares the Lord. "Do not I fill heaven and earth?"

#### Time with God

The God who is so close "fills heaven and earth." God—so great, yet so near. Talk to God about what compels Him to take the time to be so up-close and personal with you.

### DECEMBER 16

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."

#### Time with God

Spend a few moments to delight in the One who delights in you. Why not sing a few of your favorite Christmas songs directly to God? Rejoice with Him at His coming... into the world and into your life.

### DECEMBER 17

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### Time with God

What is the greatest threat this Christmas season in being separated from God's love? Are there hurts, attitudes, struggles, or circumstances that are distancing you from God's closeness? He is near... talk to Him about any threats or barriers.

### DECEMBER 18

Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

#### Time with God

When the Lord is our Shepherd, we have everything we need. He not only walks with us in green pastures but trudges with us through dark valleys. Where are you today? Where are those around you? Invite God to be evidently near throughout the day.



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### DECEMBER 19

Ephesians 3:17-19

*... so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith... that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

#### Time with God

Ask God to point out people and places today that will help you grasp just "how wide and long and high and deep" He loves you. Take time along the way to express to God just how much He means to you.

### DECEMBER 20

Colossians 1:27

*To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

#### Time with God

We sometimes shake wrapped presents under the Christmas tree and measure their weight in our hands. We want to know more about the gift inside. Consider just how weighty (or "glorious") God's daily presence is to you. Give Him thanks for His ongoing "Christ in you" gift.

### DECEMBER 21

Isaiah 43:2

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.*

#### Time with God

Does anything about this season have you feeling "swept over" or "burned"? Know that God is with you. Talk to Him. He's been where you are. In fact, He is where you are.

### DECEMBER 22

Psalm 80:7

*Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.*

#### Time with God

Time and events in our world point to our need of a Savior perhaps like never before. Talk to God about places in your life still needing rescued.

### DECEMBER 23

Matthew 1:22-23

*.... for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.*

#### Time with God

"And in the dark streets shineth, the everlasting Light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight." Thank Jesus for being light in our darkness.

### DECEMBER 24

John 1:14

*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

#### Time with God

Think of all the neighborhoods that you'd rather not enter. Now consider how Jesus wrapped Himself in flesh and moved into the neighborhood of your life? What do you want to say to God who lovingly comes so near?

### DECEMBER 25

Matthew 1:22-23

*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").*

#### Time with God

Today, we celebrate the God who was, is, and will forever be "with us." Don't miss the opportunity with friends and family to adequately adore Him, keeping "the main thing" the main thing.

### DECEMBER 26

Isaiah 6:3

*And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."*

#### Time with God

Some houses are full of Christmas gifts today. The earth, however, is filled with God's glory every day! Talk to God about how He might be put on display in and through your life today as you do life with Him.



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### DECEMBER 27

John 15:4

*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.*

#### Time with God

Whatever favorite gift you may have received this Christmas, the greatest gift you will ever give others is your intimacy with God. Have a conversation with God about what an ongoing, abiding relationship with Him looks like moving forward.

### DECEMBER 28

Deuteronomy 31:6

*Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."*

#### Time with God

Pick three unknowns and uncertainties for 2021. Ask God for His "never leave you nor forsake you" reassurance for each.

### DECEMBER 29

John 14:16-17

*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever... The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.*

#### Time with God

God know you, sees you, advocates for you, and lives in you... What do you want to say to God today for the way He chooses to relate to you?

### DECEMBER 30

2 Timothy 1:14

*Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.*

#### Time with God

We're careful to take good care of new gifts we're given. How careful will you be in 2021 to steward the good gifts God has given and entrusted to you? Ask the Holy Spirit to be your daily helper.

### DECEMBER 31

Revelation 21:3

*And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*

#### Time with God

Take some time to give God thanks for His daily presence with you over the past year. Invite Him to give you a vision for what daily life with Him will look like as you love Him and others passionately and intentionally in 2021 and beyond.