

# God is with you! God is in you! God is for you!

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In the Old Testament, God was with his people, among his people and for his people. In the New Testament, God is not only with us and for us, he is also in us through his Spirit.

If God promises to be with us, that is all we need to be victorious and successful. God with us – that means guaranteed success. He is with us, as long as we are with him.

He is on our side, as long as we are on his side. He stands by us if we stand by him. However weak, poor and miserable you may feel – God is with you, he is at your side.

**Moses** felt incapable when God called him. He said: “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?” God said, “*I will be with you.*” Exodus 3:12. That was all Moses needed in order to liberate the people of Israel. Believe that God is with you as he was with Moses.

**Joshua**, Moses’ successor, must have felt weak and inadequate. Moses said to him, “*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.*” Deuteronomy 31:6.

God confirmed these words and said to Joshua: “*No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous. 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.*” Joshua 1:5,9. That was all Joshua needed to hear and all he needed to believe. Then all he had to do was act accordingly in order to be victorious. God is no less with you than with anyone else. Just as he was with whoever else, he is with you.

**Gideon** felt small, weak and inferior. “*When the angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, he said, ‘The LORD is with you, mighty warrior.’ The LORD turned to him and said, ‘Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?’ I will be with you, and you will strike down all the*

*Midianites.*” Judges 6:12,14,16. These words made Gideon into a mighty warrior because he believed them.

To Israel, God said: “*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*” Isaiah 41:10. “*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.*” Isaiah 43:1-2.

Today the presence of God is not only with us but in us. His presence moved out of the Most Holy Place in Jerusalem when the curtain in the temple was torn in two, and moved into the new temple (120 believers in the upper room) at Pentecost. Now you and I are the temple of God, the Most Holy Place, where God lives. God has promised to never leave us nor forsake us, Hebrews 13:5f. That means we cannot get rid of God, as long as we don’t want to. Jesus said: “[The Father] *will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever – the Spirit of truth ... he lives with you and will be in you.*” John 14:16f. “*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.*” John 14:23. Greater and stronger is the one who is in you than the one who is in the world, 1 John 4:4. Jesus in us is greater and stronger than all the demons in this world.

God is your greatest fan. He sticks by you, supports you and is for you, whoever and whatever may be against you. He brings about justice for you, looks after you and cares about your concerns. Trust him and he will turn everything around for good (Romans 8:28). If God is for us, what does it matter who is against us? (Romans 8:31). Nothing can separate us from the love of God. Unpleasant occurrences and attacks are from the devil, not from God, and God has given you his armour so that you can withstand the devil and be victorious. God will never stop loving you and he is working things out in your favour. Believe it, even if things do not look like that at the moment. Do not doubt the love of God and you will see how he turns everything out for the best.

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