

A Breath Prayer for the Easter Season:

"I put my trust in Your
unfailing love."

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Order of Worship
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The Sixth Sunday of Easter

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

Worship Reading from Psalm 98

Worship in Song

We Listen to the Scriptures

Prayers of the People

Scripture Reading: Acts 10.34-48

Sermon: "Seeking God's Presence"

We Come to the Table

The Peace

Prayer of Confession and Consecration

We Eat and Drink Together

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life

Gossiping the Good Stuff

Doxology

Blessing and Sending



Distractions

- _____ – we allow our jobs to keep us from being in God's presence
- _____ – we allow all the things that come with family distract us from being in God's presence
- _____ – the good things in life keep us from the best of being in God's presence

***Don't expect to find God's presence
when you allow yourself to be distracted
by the things of this world!***



LIVING IN HIS PRESENCE:

Seeking God's Presence

2 Kings 2.1-15a (NIV)

¹ When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

³ The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha replied, "but do not speak of it."

⁴ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho.

⁵ The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "but do not speak of it."

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and

Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. ⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours --otherwise not."

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. ¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart.

¹³ He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan

¹⁴ Then he took the cloak that had fallen from him and struck the water with it. "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

¹⁵ The company of the prophets from Jericho, who were watching, said, "The spirit of Elijah is resting on Elisha." And they went to meet him and bowed to the ground before him.

2 Kings 2:1-15 (NIV)

Strategically _____ Yourself Where You Find God Working

- His _____ – read the Bible
- His _____ – gather for corporate worship often
- His _____ – small group gatherings of the church

Don't expect to find God's presence if you are not willing to go where God is at work!

_____ When God Moves

¹⁸ "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. ¹⁹ See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.
Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

Don't expect to find God's presence if you are not willing to move when God moves!

_____ the Big Ask for God's Presence

Don't expect to find God's presence if you are not willing to make the big ask!