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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 167

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by **being with you wherever you go**. **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.”***

The Hebrew word for *will be with you* is ***im me ka*** which means *walk along side, be among, share His presence, or be yoked*. I remember as a young child, living on my grandparents' farm, there was one thing that I really dreaded (really more than one, but they just had to do with working....). Sometimes at night, my grandpa would ask me to look down at the barn to see if he had left the light on for the cows that were nursing their calves. If not, he would ask me to go turn on the light. Well, as an eight year old boy, it seemed awfully dark and a long way to go; especially when you could hear the coyotes howling in the distance. We didn't have flashlights and so I would make my way down to the barn, which seemed so far away. It probably was only fifty yards, but to me it seemed like a mile. I could hear noises all around me and sometimes, I would see a pair of eyes gleaming in the darkness. It was then I began to quote the scripture I had learned in vacation Bible school. **Ps. 23:4**, ***“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.”*** And I would somehow already be at the barn door that was a mile away. I would quickly switch on the light and head for the back door of the house.

I think we have all had experiences when we feel afraid or don't know what to do. It is in those times, as it was for Joshua and the Israelites, that God says, ***“do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”*** He will always be with you in every circumstance and situation. He will walk alongside you, sharing His presence. What a beautiful promise of God.

Dear Father, thank You that You have said You will be with us wherever we go. To have Your presence makes everything different. Our God is on our side and He will never let us go. Praise You LORD!! In Jesus Name, Amen