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### **The Presence: Transformation Is Key**

**Psalm 51:11** - *Do not banish me from your presence, and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.*

#### **God's Presence Is Essential To Our Being Who We're Called To Be**

**Acts 1:4-5** - *Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. <sup>5</sup> John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

**Acts 2:1-4** - *On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. <sup>4</sup> And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

**Exodus 19:6** - *And you will be my kingdom of priests, my holy nation. This is the message you must give to the people of Israel.*

**Exodus 19:16-18** - *On the morning of the third day, thunder roared and lightning flashed, and a dense cloud came down on the mountain. There was a long, loud blast from a ram's horn, and all the people trembled. <sup>17</sup> Moses led them out from the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. <sup>18</sup> All of Mount Sinai was covered with smoke because the LORD had descended on it in the form of fire. The smoke billowed into the sky like smoke from a brick kiln, and the whole mountain shook violently.*

**Exodus 20:18-19** - *When the people heard the thunder and the loud blast of the ram's horn, and when they saw the flashes of lightning and the smoke billowing from the mountain, they stood at a distance, trembling with fear. <sup>19</sup> And they said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen. But don't let God speak directly to us, or we will die!"*

#### **THIS WASN'T THE PLAN!**

**1 Kings 8:10** - *When the priests came out of the Holy Place, a thick cloud filled the Temple of the LORD.*

**2 Chronicles 7:1** - *When Solomon finished praying, fire flashed down from heaven and burned up the burnt offerings and sacrifices, and the glorious presence of the LORD filled the Temple.*

**John 16:7** - *But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send him to you.*

### **The Presence Of God Will Be Available To All People**

**Acts 2:2-3** - *Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them.*

### **Now The Presence Of God Is For All Of God's People**

**1 Peter 2:9** - *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*

- 1. An Awareness Of God's Love.**
- 2. A Sense Of Direction And Purpose For Life.**
- 3. The Power To Obey.**
- 4. A Familial Connection With Christ And His Church.**
- 5. The Illumination Of God's Word.**