

Abiding In His Presence

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Memory Verse- "As long as (_____) sought guidance from the Lord, God gave (her) success." - 2 Chronicles 26:5b

Study Text: Nehemiah 9:5-37, Genesis 11

**How have my challenges served me?
Have the fires of trouble refined me and made me stronger and better?
Or did I allow them to make me weaker?**

1) Even before I was born, God was already _____ for His uniquely designed journey with me.

"When Abram had proved himself faithful, God made a covenant with Him." Nehemiah 9:8

2) The _____ of my experience with God _____ upon whether or not I will _____ and _____ my God.

> Abram's first promise was- who he would become. (Relational _____)

> Abram's second promise- was what he would actually possess. (_____)

> Abram's third promise- how he could live. (Relational _____ with God)

3a) My God has _____ what He _____ to do, because He is ALWAYS _____ to His Word.

3b) As I _____ and faithfully walk forward with God through my _____ here on earth, _____ His promises become _____.

4) My _____ can become a _____ for God's glorious _____ to be _____.

5a) _____ and _____ pull me away from God's _____ for my life.

5b) I must ruthlessly root out these _____ of God.

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6a) In God's great _____, He has _____ me.

6b) In addition, He has sent His Spirit to live in me, guide me, teach me, and _____ me with His own _____.

7) Whenever I am actively _____ up in sin, that sin powerfully _____ me. I will miserably _____ rather than serving God.

(see Hebrews 12:1, Proverbs 5:22, Isaiah 5:18, Psalm 129:4, Lamentations 1:14, Hosea 11:4)

8a) Whenever I _____ turn to my God for help, earnestly desiring to be rid of whatever has _____, God WILL respond.

8b) My _____ depends upon my _____ to do things God's way. Following and obeying God will set me _____ back on _____ for my life.

9a) _____ to allow the hardships you endure to leave you with an _____ _____.

9b) _____ through, and allow God to transform that suffering into _____ of God's _____.

10) If I will faithfully keep God the _____, my life _____ in His Kingdom work here on earth.

Answers: 1) setting the stage 2) richness, hinges, faithfully follow, rely upon > identity >> inheritance >>> intimacy 3a) already done, promises, true 3b) humbly, time, I will see, my reality 4) life, canvas, reputation, revealed 5a) pride, stubbornness, path 5b) enemies 6) mercy, never abandoned 6b) sustain, strength 7) caught, entangles, serve that sin 8a) sincerely, control over me 8b) restoration, willingness, firmly, His path 9a) refuse, insignificant life 9b) press, shining examples, faithfulness 10) center of my focus, will be significant