

## GOD IS WITH ME ALWAYS

**KING ABIJAH**

**2 CHRONICLES 13:12**

**Day 7**

It seems silly to think that God's people would actually not believe that God is with them all through the day & night; oh, they would never admit it but they feel He is at a distance. Oh sure, we pray & read the Bible like He is sitting right there, yet our behavior tells a different story. When life is tough & unpleasant, why do we immediately create a new doctrine that God is absent & detached from us.

When believers question God's presence, they isolate themselves away from people; they complain about what they do have & what they do not have; they use anger to hurt the people closest to them; they blame God for just about everything & they blame other believers for the rest; they also engage in activities that they would normally avoid because of their questionable or evil nature.

We're in good company: Elijah & Jonah & David all got caught up in it. Elijah & Jonah entertained suicide & David whined at God for years about the injustices all around. Suicide always seems so dirty in the presence of Christians, and so out of place. Why should it? When a person has decided that God's presence is gone: what is there to live for? What other emotions are there except depression & hopelessness? What use is there to live a Godly life if it will only be a waste of time? There is no purpose for my life because the One who gives us our purpose is gone.

Hold it! It is impossible for God to be gone; don't get trapped into thinking that because you sin, that God splits. The intimate fellowship may be marred, but God is still around & quite active in your life anyway. The purpose & hope & strength & purity & confidence & all the rest are still available because God is still very present. You & I have chosen to back away from everybody at times, & to reject the truths we know to be right at times so as to feel sorry for ourselves. God said that in the middle of the worst of it, My best is always present & available.

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

1. What are you usually going through when you think that God is not close like He used to be? If this is not a problem for you, what do you do to maintain the confidence that He is near?
2. In the past year (12 months), how has God proven His closeness to you?

**A PRAYER OF COMMITMENT**

What do you need to say to God as you face the topic being discussed in this devotional? Write out your prayer word for word just as if you were praying. Use separate lined paper to record your prayer. Make sure you actually pray this prayer to the Lord. Be honest & be personal. After all, you mean business with God here. You want this area of your life either fixed, strengthened, added, or removed.