

## INESCAPABLE: The Power of His Presence

**Inescapable:** incapable of being escaped, ignored, or avoided

### Psalm 139:1-12

O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it. ***Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?*** If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

### Genesis 39:2-3

***The Lord was with Joseph***, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. His master saw that ***the Lord was with him*** and that the Lord caused all that he did to succeed in his hands.

### Genesis 39:20-23

And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison. But ***the Lord was with Joseph*** and showed him steadfast love and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison put Joseph in charge of all the prisoners who were in the prison. Whatever was done there, he was the one who did it. The keeper of the prison paid no attention to anything that was in Joseph's charge, because ***the Lord was with him***. And whatever he did, the Lord made it succeed.

### **Genesis 41:1**

After two whole years, Pharaoh dreamed ...

### **Genesis 41:38-40**

And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?" Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Since God has shown you all this, there is none so discerning and wise as you are. You shall be over my house, and all my people shall order themselves as you command. Only as regards the throne will I be greater than you."

### **Acts 16:23-26**

And when they had inflicted many blows upon them, they threw them into prison, ordering the jailer to keep them safely. Having received this order, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened.

**We don't praise because life is "all good," we praise because He is always good!**

### **Hebrews 13:15-16**

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

- **Praise is a choice**
- **Praise is often a sacrifice**
- **Praise releases the power of God and brings the presence of God**