

Introduction

The newest version of *...In His Presence* is birthed through more intimate moments spent in the Father's presence and unconditional love, despite our fallen world. With a continual pursuit and desire to please God in every thought, word, and deed, His love and creativity fill these pages with more poetry and prose. As we spend quiet time with the Lord and allow Him to purify us through trials, He sends His ministering spirit, bringing words of encouragement, hope, comfort and transformation.

To receive God's best through this book, read it carefully and prayerfully, a little at a time, or perhaps with repetition, always searching for the hidden nuggets of truth and freedom for your own life. He Who knows us and loves us without condition, understands us perfectly. He will speak to hungry hearts through the pages of this book, shutting out the world and bringing His beloved into fellowship and intimacy with Himself.

Some poetry will challenge carnal thoughts, while others will inspire greater devotion with the Lord. *...In His Presence* will bless the heart and soul that is open to its living messages and related scriptures.

This book is a timeless treasure and with it go many prayers that God will enrich every life it touches. So, wherever you choose to be, and whatever you choose to do, let it be done *...In His Presence!*

C O U R A G E

COMMITTED...

- To quiet time
 To sit with Him
- To love myself
 To be settled in Him
- To every step I take
 To love Him is no mistake
- To be content
 To desire more of Him
- To every relationship
 To be pleasing to Him
- To every task
 To do it His way
- To serve when I'm called
 To know I've been chosen
- To speak kindness
 To consider His sacrifice
- To receive His peace
 To me He paid a great price
- To trust when I fail
 To know He'll make a way
- To know I'm committed
 To the One Who knows me best!

*Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him;
and he shall bring it to pass. - Psalm 37:5*

I MATTER

Cleanse me, oh Father,
from every sin put upon me.
You've come to heal,
to cleanse and make me free.

Long ago men violated my rights,
they made me impure.
As I became older
I was convinced to take the lure.

Always harassed and tormented,
I thought it was natural.
To say "No" didn't mean "No",
it really didn't matter.

Jesus affirmed a much younger me
and now longs for the day
when I say "No",
if only because, I matter!

*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray
God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved
blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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LOVE TO FORGIVE

Your love washes over me,
Your love brings healing to me,
love comes to wash my sins away,
forgiveness is closer than it used to be.

Peace draws closer here,
Your love removes all fear.
You've come, oh Lord, to set me free;
forgiveness, love, and peace overtake me.

The joy of the Lord rises up in me,
truth and love surround me;
Your joy dispels my enemy,
love, peace and joy wash over me.

Your love brings truth
and puts joy deep in my soul;
Your love's exposed the enemy,
Forgiveness with love and truth make me whole.

*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall
make you free. - John 8:32*

TRUE IDENTITY

Years of lies planted by the enemy
Identified me in what I believed.

Chains and strongholds had me bound
I once was lost, but now am found.

Long time ago when I was young and naïve
Hopeless and helpless is what I believed.

Truth of His Word came to set me free;
Receiving God's love was a necessity.

His gentle ways of correcting my beliefs,
Finally set my feet on the path to eternity.

I've accepted His Word and now believe
His songs of love that He sings over me.

My heart is now open for me to believe,
To live in truth, no longer deceived.

Jesus paid the price to give me liberty.
Now I live and love my true identity.

*Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them:
because greater is he that is in you,
than he that is in the world. - 1 John 4:4*

EZERS, RISE UP!

Lord, You're raising up an army
An army now, an army of great men.

It does require each Ezer
To pray for all of them.

It matters not the heart condition,
It matters not their sin.

You're the leader of the army, Lord,
Calling all men to come in,

Teaching them their rightful positions
Away from worldly lusts, away from sin.

You're calling each Ezer to pray for our brethren
So each battle they fight can be won.

Compassion and understanding will equip us now
To be the Ezers in Your army of great men.

*But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not:
and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.*

- Luke 22:32

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