

A scenic view of a city skyline across a body of water with a rainbow in the sky. The rainbow is positioned vertically in the center of the frame, arching from the water towards the top of the image. The city skyline is visible in the background, with various buildings and structures. The water is a deep blue-grey color, and the sky is a pale blue with some light clouds.

Over the Rainbow

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Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.





So why is God so hard to find?

John 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Why doesn't God talk to us?

No matter how often we read that God will be with us; He seems to Play Hide-n-Seek

1. See the rainbow – God's presence is easy to find
2. Are you still watching? – God is present, but we are asleep
3. Incognito – God wants to be known, but not in an obvious way

A scenic view of a harbor with a rainbow in the sky. The rainbow is positioned vertically, starting from the water and reaching the top of the frame. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. In the background, there is a cityscape with various buildings and structures. The water is a deep blue-grey color with some ripples. A few small boats are visible on the water.

**God's most frequent promise in
Scripture is . . .**

“I will be with you”

Let's consider several situations in which God gave that promise;

Note the survival challenge Isaac faced;

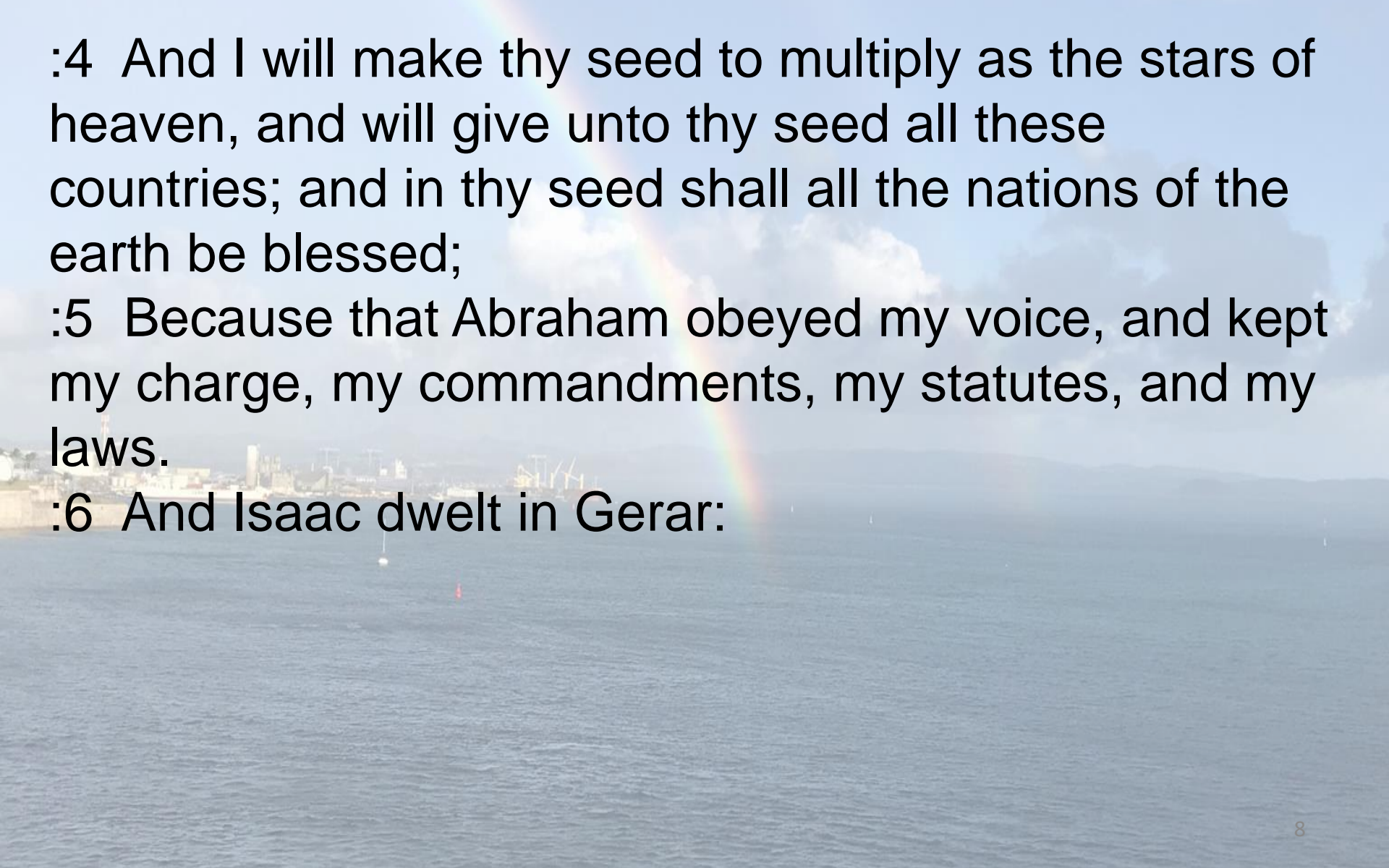


Genesis 26:1-6

:1 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.

:2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

:3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;



:4 And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;

:5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.

:6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar:

A background image showing a coastal city with a rainbow in the sky over the water. The rainbow is positioned vertically in the center of the frame, extending from the top to the bottom. The city is visible in the distance, and the water is in the foreground.

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Twice God tells Joshua He will be with him:

Joshua 1:1-9

:1 Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,

:2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

:3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses.

:4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your Coast.

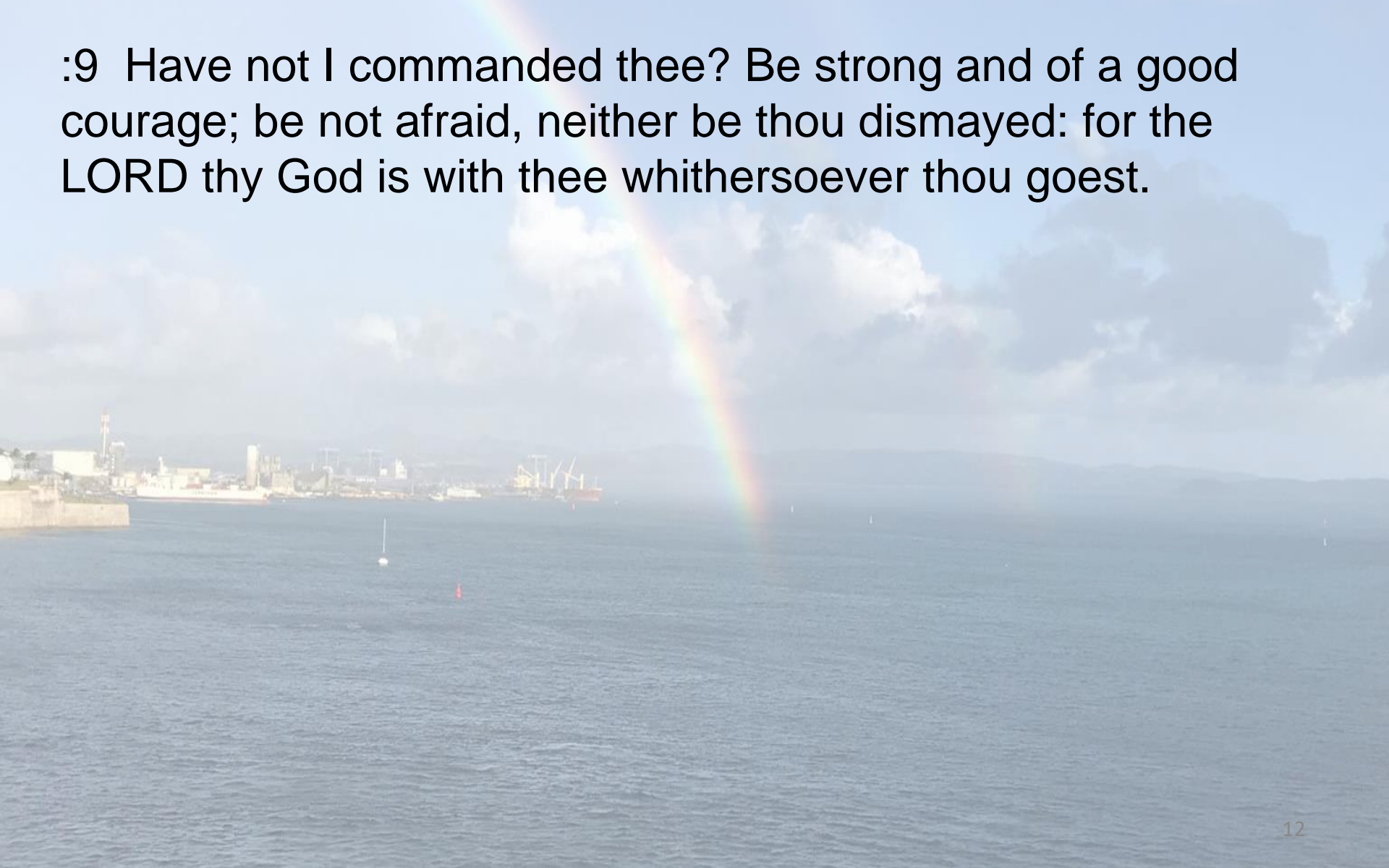
:5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

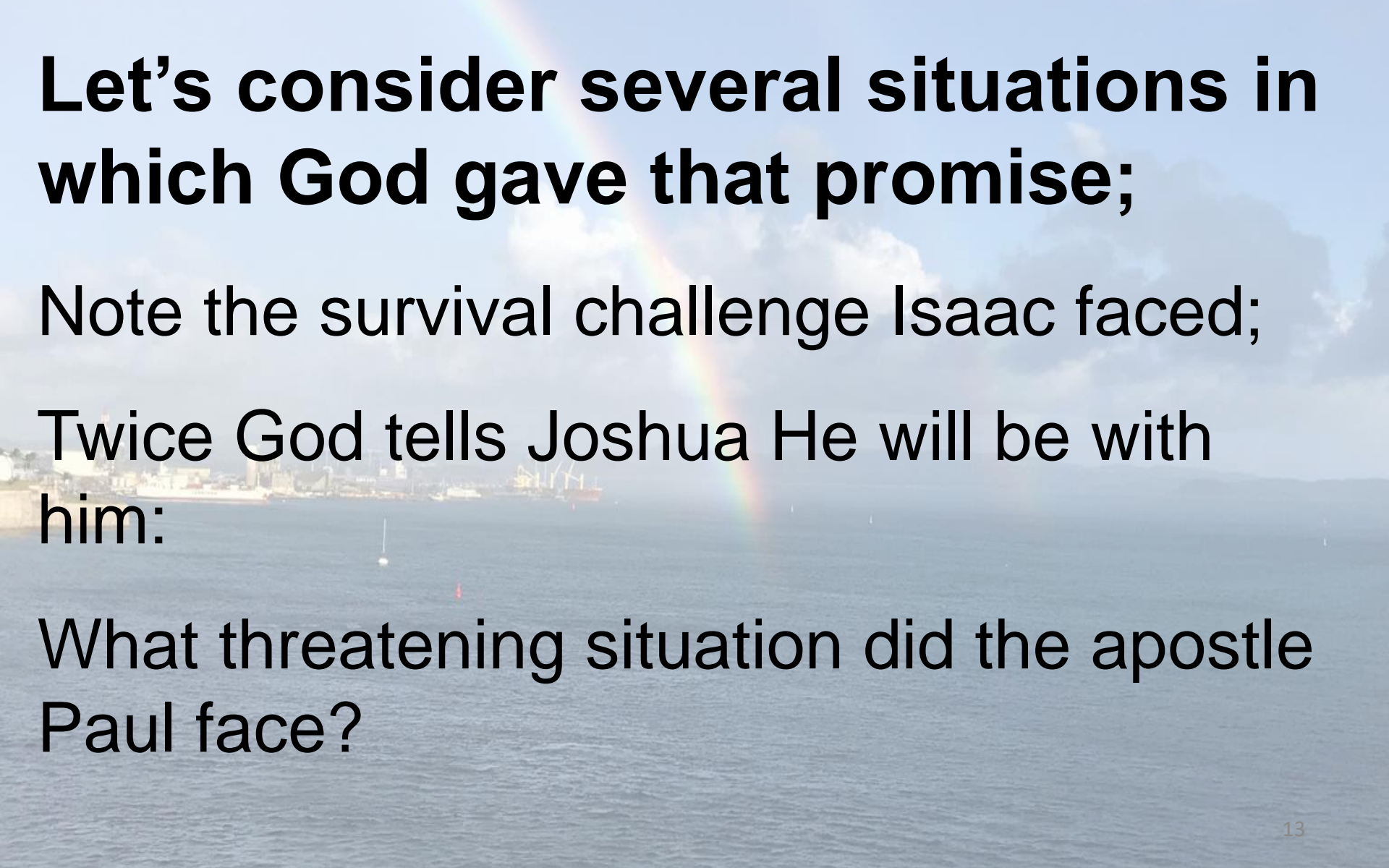
:6 Be strong and of a good courage: for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give them.

:7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

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A background image of a coastal city with a rainbow in the sky. The city is visible in the distance, with buildings and a harbor. The sky is blue with white clouds, and a vibrant rainbow arches across it. The water in the foreground is calm and blue.

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What threatening situation did the apostle Paul face?

Acts 18:5-11

:5 And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.

:6 And when they opposed themselves, and blasphemed, he shook his raiment, and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles.

:7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain man's house, named Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue.

:8 And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

:9 Then spake the Lord to Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace:

:10 For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

:11 And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

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There are certain characteristics of God that settle into your heart; and through these you can feel God's presence.



1. Reassurance –

God was talking to Joshua, and reassured him of His presence.

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2. Guidance

Psalm 16:7 – I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

Guidance came to Moses and Israel in the wilderness:

Exodus 13:21-22

:21 And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night:

:22 He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

Sometimes guidance does not come to you.

3. Conviction

John 16:7-8 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

This is the hardest aspect of God's Presence.

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**You know it may be that out of all
the prayers that we say:**

Most common one . . .

“Don’t look at me, God”

4. Joy

John 15:11 - These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

What's your capacity for Joy?

God's greatest desire is to be with you.

A scenic view of a coastal city with a rainbow in the sky. The rainbow is a vibrant, multi-colored arc that spans across the upper half of the image, starting from the top left and ending near the center. The sky is a clear, light blue with scattered white clouds. In the background, a city skyline is visible, featuring various buildings and structures. The foreground is dominated by a large body of water, likely a bay or harbor, with a few small boats and a red buoy visible. The overall atmosphere is bright and hopeful.

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