



Central Parkway Baptist Church

Loving God • Engaging People • Making Disciples

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Relationship Basics, Pt. 4: Presence

Philippians 4:9

1. God makes Himself available
 - 1) Historical record
 - 2) Life and work of Jesus Christ
 - 3) Conviction of the Holy Spirit

2. God is available on His terms
 - 1) His character and nature
 - i. Holy
 - ii. Sovereign
 - iii. Righteous
 - iv. Eternal
 - v. Love
 - 2) Covenant relationship only
 - 3) Non-negotiable

3. God respects your choice
 - 1) He created you in His image
 - i. Eternal nature
 - ii. Free will
 - 2) He loves you too much to force your choice
 - 3) Understand that He is STILL God
 - i. Pursues you
 - ii. Convicts you

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4. God honors the one who believes
 - 1) He invites everyone – John 3:16
 - 2) He requires faith – Hebrews 11:6; Romans 10:17
 - 3) He lives in believers – John 12:26; John 14:23; Ephesians 5:18

5. God asks for your decision
 - 1) Yes = LIFE – 1 John 5:12
 - 2) No = death [separation] – Luke 16:23, 26