

Hope Presbyterian Church
Sermon-Based Bible Study Group



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Presence - #3 in the series: Ghosted - *What To Do When God Seems Silent*

Texts Referenced (NIV): Deuteronomy 31: 6-8, Psalm 23: 4, Matthew 18:20

1. What stood out to you about the message?
2. *Presence* suggests that someone is nearby or in close proximity. In a spiritual context, *God's presence* means He is actively near and involved.
 - Can you recall a time when God made his presence actively known to you?
 - How did His presence impact your experience in that situation?
3. **Read Deuteronomy 31: 6-7.**
Moses speaks directly, first to the Israelites and then to Joshua.
 - What do you imagine the Israelites would have felt at this point in their journey?
 - Why do you think it would have been necessary for the people to hear Moses' words for Joshua?
4. **Read Deuteronomy 31: 8.**
 - Has God's presence ever impacted your sense of safety, direction, or purpose? In what ways?
 - Has God ever used someone else - as in the case of Moses- to reassure you of His presence?
5. **Read Psalm 23: 4 and Matthew 18:20.**
 - Have you ever been in a situation or a season of life when you weren't sure God was present?
 - How were you able to navigate this experience? What happened?
 - How do these verses remind us that God's presence often manifests in community?
 - How can we at Hope intentionally manifest God's presence?
6. How can we pray for you?