Matt. 9:36-38 "He saw them as harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd." "Harassed" -"Helpless" -Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my voke is easy, and my burden is light."

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We exist to enjoy and share the love and message of God with everyone.

God with us!

God's presence with Moses and with His people

Exodus 3:18 "The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, 'The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God.'

Exodus 5:3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Now let us take a three-day journey into the desert to offer sacrifices to the LORD our God, or he may strike us with plagues or with the sword."

Exodus 33:15 Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

Exodus 33:16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

God "with" us to be our greatest joy.

Malachi 1:10 "Why doesn't one of you just shut the Temple doors and lock them? Then none of you can get in and play at religion with this silly, empty-headed worship. I am not pleased."

Hebrews 13:5"... Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Joshua 1:5 "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. <u>Just as</u> I was <u>with</u> Moses, so I will be <u>with</u> you. I will not leave you or forsake you."

Being WITH people.

How do you know when someone is with you?

Matthew 26:36... "<u>Sit here</u> while I go over there and pray." ³⁷ He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along <u>with</u> him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. ³⁸ Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. <u>Stay here</u> and <u>keep watch with</u> me."

³⁹ Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

- ⁴⁰ Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. ⁴¹ "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."
- ⁴² He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."
- ⁴³ When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy.
- ⁴⁴ So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.
- ⁴⁵ Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.
- ⁴⁶ Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"