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## The church

*Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

*<sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

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## Jesus with people...

*Matt. 9:36-38 "He saw them as harassed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd."*

*Matthew 11:28-30 "**Come to ME**, all you who are weary and heavy-laden (burdened) and **I** will give you rest. 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. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

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### Redemptive Relating #1

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#### WITH = YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS

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## God with us

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### Emmanuel!

*Matthew 1:23 "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"--which means, "God with us."*

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### 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.'"*

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*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."*

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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's "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. **Just as** I was **with** Moses, so I will be **with** you. I will not leave you or forsake you."

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## Being WITH people

### How not to be with people

Job 42:7 After the LORD had said these things to Job, he said to Eliphaz the Temanite, "I am angry with you and your two friends, because you have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has. <sup>8</sup> So now take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and sacrifice a burnt offering for yourselves. My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer and not deal with you according to your folly. You have not spoken the truth about me, as my servant Job has."

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

Matthew 26:39 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." <sup>40</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch **with** me for one hour?" he asked Peter.

Matthew 26:42 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." <sup>43</sup> When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. <sup>44</sup> So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing. <sup>45</sup> 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. <sup>46</sup> Rise, let us go! Here comes my betrayer!"

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