Sermon Companion Sheet

The Promise of God's Perpetual Presence

Deuteronomy 31:1–8 (KJV)
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Core Message

God promises His people *perpetual presence*—an unending nearness that empowers courage, obedience, and victory. As Moses transitions leadership to Joshua, God reminds Israel that His presence—not a human leader—is their true strength. The same God who defeated Sihon and Og goes before His people today. Jesus affirms: *"I am with you always."* Through the Holy Spirit, believers carry God's presence within, enabling discernment, resilience, and bold faith.

1. You Need God's Presence and Power to Fulfill Your Purpose

- Divine purpose requires divine power.
- God goes before you, equips you, and sustains you.
- His presence brings clarity, courage, and supernatural ability.
- *"He will not fail thee nor forsake thee."*

2. Opposition Does Not Preclude God's Promise

- Israel faced giants, walls, and enemies—yet God declared victory.
- Resistance is not evidence of abandonment; it is the stage for God's power.
- Trials reveal God's faithfulness: healing, deliverance, open doors, peace.
- *"Not by might… but by My Spirit."*

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3. Go Forth in the Power of God

- Move forward with confidence because God goes before you.
- Worship before the battle is won; trust before the answer appears.
- Walk in obedience, boldness, and expectation.
- Declare: *"This is the year of obtaining the promise."*

Reflection Questions

- Where do you need God's presence most right now?
- What opposition has God already spoken victory over?
- What step of obedience is God calling you to take this week?

Assignments for the Week

- **Study:** Deuteronomy 31:1–8—note how God prepares His people for purpose.
- **Reflection:** Identify areas where you need God's presence and power.
- **Prayer:** Ask daily for a clean heart, right spirit, and divine guidance.
- **Worship:** Praise God in advance for the promises He has spoken.
- **Love in Action:** Serve someone intentionally this week.
- **Memorization:** Hebrews 13:5; Matthew 28:20; Zechariah 4:6.
- **Evangelism:** Share the gospel and encourage someone to trust God's presence.

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