

on being present –

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Psalms 139:7-12 (NET)

*"Where can I go to escape your Spirit?
Where can I flee to escape your presence? If I were to ascend to heaven, you would be there. If I were to sprawl out in Sheol, there you would be. If I were to fly away on the wings of the dawn, and settle down on the other side of the sea, even there your hand*

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would guide me, your right hand would grab hold of me. If I were to say, "Certainly the darkness will cover me, and the light will turn to night all around me," even the darkness is not too dark for you to see, and the night is as bright as day; darkness and light are the same to you."

• the primacy of presence -

Your presence with us –
Exodus 33:14-16 (NKJV)
"And He said, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here. For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in

Your presence with us –
Exodus 33:14-16 (NKJV)
Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."

• presence versus presents –
the gift of personal/face time

• sonship the privilege of embassy –

[the function, mission or position
of an ambassador]

stand still and see –

Exodus 14:13-14 (NKJV)
*"And Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. **Stand still, and see** the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever."*

stand still and see –

Exodus 14:13-14 (NKJV)

The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."

II Chronicles 20:17 (NKJV)

*"You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, **stand still and see** the salvation of the LORD, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD is with you."*

Psalms 46:10 (NKJV)

"Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

- delegated battle engagement –

Ephesians 6:13 (NKJV)

*"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and **having done all, to stand.**"*

- the sabbath rest - first called to **BE** not do **DO**

Hebrews 4:10 (NKJV)

*"For he who has entered His rest has himself also **ceased from his works** as God did from His."*

- human contribution fallacy – empty insignificance, the irony (Indonesia moment)
- the purpose and destiny obsession also known as the **Messiah Complex**:

"A state of mind/state of being, which within the reality of the individual(s) possessing the 'complex' (sub)consciously feel that they bear the weight of the world and that their actions and words embolden others and may be a significant catalyst of changing the course of the world for the better.

While that may or may not at times be true, the individual(s) consistently envision (quasi) prophetic projections of the future which de-synchronize them from what many call 'living in the present' which often in turn leaves them with a constant darkness about them, making it immensely difficult to be content with the world and it's

happenings, great or ill. As such, they feel cornered and feel as if there is no option but to take on that role of the 'savior'. Because after all, who else will?"

- unplanned, unscripted existence –

being vs doing - chasing the wind/vanity:

Ecclesiastes 1:14 (NKJV)
*"I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all is **vanity and grasping for the wind.**"*

- slowing down & the glory of nothingness –

Boredom challenge - sensation & fascination vs quiet togetherness;

Distraction & 'helicopter' parents –
the **entertainment abomination**

Mark 3:14 (NKJV)

*"Then He appointed twelve, **that they might be with Him** and that He might send them out to preach ..."*

- beyond words & awkward silence

- simplicity & peace; a de-accessorized existence, reduced to zero

- The watchman

Habakkuk 2:1 (NKJV)

*"**I will stand** my watch And set myself on the rampart, **And watch to see what He will say** to me,
And what I will answer when I am corrected."*

- the beautiful mundane - quietly alert & focussed, relaxed (no striving & anxiety)
- presence metaphors - salt and leaven - surreptitious/subtle & irremovable (virtual missions)
- capacity constraints -

- pressure-motivation eg. guilt, shame (slavery/bondage Romans 8:15-16)
- vulnerability (emotional-spiritual) – insecurity `> pride; intimidation
- mother-need > trust & commitment issues w.r.t. 'church'/body
