

MID WEEK MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Make Room for God's Presence

Come to worship with an offering of your heart, learn dependence on God, and welcome His presence among His people.

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Wednesday, February 26, 2025	1 Kings 17:2-16 ; Ephesians 2:19-22

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Bring worship to God as an offering.

- Worship begins with the worth of the Lord, not with the feeling we hope to take home. Offer Him your attention and praise. ([Psalm 29:2](#))
- Jesus says the Father seeks those who worship in spirit and truth. Come honestly, with your heart turned toward Him. ([John 4:23-24](#))
- Let your ordinary life become worship as you present yourself to God. ([Romans 12:1](#))

"Worship is something we come to give."

STUDY [Psalm 29:2](#); [John 4:23-24](#); [Romans 12:1](#)

02 Be with Him before you hurry to serve.

- Jesus calls His disciples to remain in Him because fruit grows from that abiding relationship. ([John 15:4-5](#))
- Elijah received God's direction to go to the brook before the next public assignment. Make space to hear and obey. ([1 Kings 17:2-6](#))

- Let prayer and trust shape your work, rather than treating activity as a substitute for fellowship with God. ([Psalm 46:10](#))

“being comes before doing.”

STUDY [John 15:4-5](#); [1 Kings 17:2-6](#)

03 Learn dependence in the hidden place.

- At the brook, Elijah drank from the water and received food in the way God provided. His quiet season required daily trust. ([1 Kings 17:2-6](#))
- When the brook dried up, God gave a new direction. Dependence means following His word into the next season. ([1 Kings 17:7-9](#))
- After that hidden preparation, Elijah went to the widow at Zarephath. God’s work in us can prepare us to serve others. ([1 Kings 17:8-16](#))

“learn supernatural dependence on God”

STUDY [1 Kings 17:2-16](#)

04 Honor His presence with reverence.

- David desired to bring the ark of God among the people, but an eager plan did not replace God’s instructions. ([1 Chronicles 13:1-10](#))
- When David returned, the Levites carried the ark as the Lord had commanded. Desire and obedience belonged together. ([1 Chronicles 15:1-15](#))
- Ask whether your habits make room for prayer, worship, and humble obedience together. ([Psalm 24:3-4](#))

“King David had a passion for the glory”

STUDY [1 Chronicles 13:1-10](#); [1 Chronicles 15:1-15](#)

05 Receive Christ and walk by the Spirit.

- Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us. Begin with His saving work rather than your own effort. ([1 Corinthians 5:7](#))
- At Pentecost, God filled the gathered believers with the Holy Spirit. Seek His help for life and witness. ([Acts 2:1-4](#))
- Walk by the Spirit as you follow Jesus in daily life. His work bears fruit in character as well as ministry. ([Galatians 5:16](#), 22-25)
- Do not stop with spiritual information. Let the Word lead to obedient action and love for others. ([James 1:22](#))

“Saved and filled.”

STUDY [1 Corinthians 5:7](#); [Acts 2:1-4](#); [Galatians 5:16](#)

06 Live together as a dwelling place for God.

- In Christ, God joins His people together into a holy temple, a dwelling place for Him by the Spirit. ([Ephesians 2:19-22](#))
- Long for His presence without making an extraordinary experience the measure of His faithfulness. Draw near to Him with humility. ([James 4:8](#))
- Carry that life into loving service. The Spirit's presence is meant to shape how we treat one another and serve our neighbors. ([Galatians 5:22-25](#))
- Jesus describes His people as light to the world. Let His life in you become visible through service that honors the Father. ([Matthew 5:14-16](#))
- Stay hungry for righteousness and humble before God. His presence is worth more than spiritual display or self-satisfaction. ([Matthew 5:6](#); [James 4:6](#))

“A dwelling place. A habitation of God in the Spirit.”

STUDY [Ephesians 2:19-22](#); [Galatians 5:22-25](#)

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How will I make room for His presence?

What have I come to receive from worship, and what can I bring to God?

Where is God asking me to trust Him in a quiet or changing season?

What practice would help me honor His presence with both desire and obedience?

How can I make room for the Spirit to shape my service to others?
