

God with us. The most comforting phrase in the English language. These three short words sum up the theme of the most beautiful story ever told.

Don't misunderstand, this is not a fictional story. This is the true love story of an Almighty God that longs to be in the presence of His children. God has predetermined how it will end, but only we can choose our role in that ending. Our prayer is that this month's Scripture writing will draw you ever nearer to our precious Lord.

As you write God's Word this month, you'll begin in the Garden of Eden, where you'll witness the result of the sin that separated man from God. You'll experience God sharing His most Holy name, YHWH, with Moses. You'll encounter the confidence and reassurance God gives His people, simply by being with them. You'll write about the promises of a Savior, and then you'll write about Jesus, the Word made flesh. You'll write verses in celebration of that ultimate sacrifice. Through Jesus, man can once again be in fellowship with God. When the roll is called up yonder, we'll be there... with God.

It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you.

{Deuteronomy 31:8a}

God be with you!

-Kelly Epperson



Within the context of the "God with Us" Scripture Writing this month, answer these questions to help you see what you have learned about God's presence among us.

1. How did Adam & Eve react to God's presence after disobeying Him? Why?
2. By what name did God reveal Himself to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? What changed when He revealed Himself to Moses?
3. How did Moses' face change as a result of meeting with God?
4. The Lord's presence was supposed to reassure the Israelites as they entered enemy territory. How should God's presence give us confidence as we go out into the world?

5. How do we access God the Father? What benefits does that fellowship bring?
6. What does the name Immanuel mean? How was that name fitting for Jesus?
7. List at least two reasons it was necessary for Christ to come in the flesh {Hebrews 2:17-18}.
8. There will be countless wonders in heaven, but what will be the principal blessing of being in heaven?
9. What verses or realizations stood out to you this month?