



God with us—Future

“2010: An Immanuel Odyssey.”

Question #1: What will happen this year?

Question #2: What is your definition for 2010 being a good year?

Question #3: Who will walk with you on this 2010 leg of the life journey?

God’s promises to walk with us in 2010.

- **Matthew 28:20.**
- **Hebrews 13:5, 6.**
- **Exodus 33:12-16.**
- **Our key application:** Take courage and take hope because of His presence.

We must commit to walk with Him in 2010.

- **What is your life vision of your personal future?**
 - **Life Vision A: A life of security.** (Security, fun, travel, money, leisure, career advancement, cars, possessions, homes, health, retirement, independent wealth, pleasure, popularity, and happiness.)
 - **Life Vision B: A life of spiritual intimacy and impact.** (Intimacy with God, intimacy with others, spiritual maturity, holy living, spiritual impact, service, sacrifice, simple living, loving the appearing of the Lord Jesus Christ, a good name and a godly reputation, and joy.)
- **Psalm 27:8:**
- **Our key application:** The pursuit of intimacy with God and of “Life Vision B.”

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Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

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Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** Please read Matthew 28:20 and Hebrews 13:5, 6. Why is this promise so important for our lives in 2010? Why do we struggle with believing that God is continually present with us?
 - **Monday.** Please read Exodus 33:12-16. What are the core truths about the presence of God in the journey of the People of Israel and in your own journey?
 - **Tuesday.** Please reflect on the ways that you have experienced the presence of God with you in 2009. Where and when were you most aware of His presence?
 - **Wednesday.** Please write down ten reasons to have hope and courage in 2010—based on the promises of God to you.
 - **Thursday.** What is your personal vision for life in 2010? Please be honest and careful about this answer. The question is not, “What should be your vision?” The question is, “From the core of your heart and without pausing to evaluate, what is your vision of what would make 2010 be a good year?”
 - **Friday.** Please read Psalm 27:8. What is the core truth in this verse? What is the application to your life of the core truth here?
 - **Saturday.** What one new commitment will you make to seek the face of God more faithfully in 2010? Just one simple thing that you are committed to doing faithfully:
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“I will never leave you nor forsake you.” Jesus

*“When You said, “Seek My face,” my heart said to You, “Your face, O Lord, I shall seek.”
Psalm 27:8*

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