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- TOPICS: Assurance & Comfort; Faith; God's Presence; Living in Christ; Peace in Christ; Praise & Worship
- LEAD-IN: I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. (Psalm 73:23-25, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

Praying in His Presence

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For years I struggled when I tried to pray. I thought of God as a Someone way out there somewhere. To connect with Him, I thought I had to approach Him just the right way.

I would try to work up the right frame of mind. I would try to concentrate and empty my mind of all other thoughts. What a struggle!

How wonderful to finally realize that God isn't out there somewhere: He is always right here with me. And I don't have to struggle to contact Him: He loves me. He wants to hear from me and is already listening.

Jesus, I will always talk to You as to a Friend right here with me.

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