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Dear Friends,

Over the years I have had the privilege to sit and talk with hundreds of people about the nature of God as it appears in their lives. I call it a privilege because this is one area of a person's spiritual journey that must be honored.

Every time I am asked to give an invocation I start by asking people to join me in prayer as we come together to honor that presence of God as we best understand that presence in our life and affairs.

Jesus, the Master Teacher of spiritual principles had this to say about the nature of God and how he understood the presence of God in his life. It is summed up with this statement found in John 4:24, "*God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*"

I'm often asked, "Where was God in all of this?" To which I reply, "Right there in the midst of it all, ready to be realized as Spirit of love, light, comfort, courage, order, understanding, wisdom. As Tennyson once said, "*Closer is He than breathing, and nearer than hands and feet.*"

How can we say that God is Omnipresence and not realize that the very definition is all inclusive? How can we say that God is here, but not there? We can't, for God is spirit and spirit is everywhere as the divine creative energy we call life.

To say that God is in my life but not in yours does an injustice to all humanity. I think that if Jesus were teaching today, he'd use our modern language and latest scientific discoveries to define God. It might be something like this, "*God is divine energy, and those who worship him must worship in **expressing that energy through spirit and truth.***"

Made in God's image we carry the spiritual DNA that makes us who we are,

God's beloved children. When I think about that relationship I am reminded of droplet of ocean water. The ocean, being one of the life's sources, contains elements to support life on this planet. If you take a drop of ocean water you will find all the elements within it. We too, have all the spiritual elements of our Divine Parent, God.

So wherever we are, God is. We carry that presence within us and as Jesus also stated, "*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*" To see God in all situations and circumstances requires that we be pure of heart. In other words, no guilt, no blame, no shame, no condemnation of judgment. This reminds me of the words Jesus told the woman who was to be stoned, "Who is here to condemn you?" "No one," she replied. "Neither do I," he said. God was in that situation, not demanding, not judging, not condemning, but bringing love, light, compassion, wisdom, understanding to the situation.

I love the words of I Live in God's Way, set to the tune of the Blue Danube Waltz:

I live in God's way, His Truth, His Life;

I'm free from all doubt, all fear, all strife.

My words are of love, of joy, of peace;

I think of God's good that can not cease.

The power of God is mine to use;

He gives me all good that I can choose.

I live in His love, in His Truth,

and express eternal youth.

God blesses me now in every way;

I know what to do and what to say.

I live in a world of perfect health;
the kingdom of heaven is my wealth.

I'm free to express perfection now,
for Christ within me has shown me how;
and only the good do I see everywhere, in you,
and me.

Where is God? Right there with you 24/7 waiting for you to accept the blessings that are yours.