

In God's Presence~ Day 2



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In God's Presence there is Security~ Kellie Johnson

We are excited to have [Kellie Johnson](#) join us today. Kellie describes herself as a "quiet member" of a team of women that we love to share time in ministry with called Living Free. We are so thankful that she is sharing with us and trust you will be blessed as we discover that in God's presence, we are secure.

Kelly writes,

As I answered the phone at my office, I could hear the shakiness in my mom's voice. "I'm fine, I'm fine. No need to panic..." she said. She always worries about others more than herself. Her tone spoke volumes to me and began to prepare me for what the next 24 hours would look like.

Her recent lack of balance had caused her to take a bad fall during the night. She lay in the floor for hours, knocked out cold. Once my father discovered her battered body that morning, he got her to a hospital.

By the end of the day, it was determined that the cancer she had fought so hard the year before had planted itself in her brain, causing her balance to be unstable. Her pelvis had been cracked and her shoulder now had two fractures from the fall.

My. Head. Was. Spinning.

What stage was the cancer? What was I going to do? How was I going to help my mom in the best way possible?



I wasn't sure what my role would be.

What it *should* be.

Have you ever felt like your world was spinning out of control and you were just along for the ride? Did it make you feel nauseous? Dizzy?

"You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me."
Psalm 139:5 (NIV)

God's word tells us that He has us surrounded. **Each side is protected.** Even our top.

When you feel as if your circumstances are pulling you forward so quickly that you can't keep up, He has you hemmed in from the front.

When you feel as if you've just been cold-cocked in the kiss and you're struggling to stay upright, He's got you hemmed in from behind.

When you feel vulnerable to the storms that come in this life, exposed and afraid, He is a covering, keeping you safe. His hand is upon you.
His. Big. Hand.

When we are shaken, His presence will keep us secure.
We have been sewn up and stitched inside the powerful, holy protection of the Creator of all.
And when we need to be held tight, held down, held upright, and even held together...He's got us.

In His presence we find security.

~ Kellie



Today's Prayer:

Lord, Thank you for being all that we need. Even when our world is spinning you have us in your hand. Let us rest in knowing you hem us in on every side. Amen

Further Study:

Read Psalm 139

According to verses 1-5, how well does the Lord know you?

Verse 2 tells us that God "perceives my thoughts from afar". Do you find comfort in knowing this? Why or why not?

In verses 7 the psalmist asks, "Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?". The next verses the psalmist lists various places he is considering. List those in your notebook.

Read verses 13-18 again. Underline anything that stands out to you. Do you find security in knowing that God thinks of you?

Has there been a time in your life, like Kellie's, when you needed to be consumed by the securing presence of God? Is that time now? Write a prayer thanking God for His security.

