If you’ve ever been to a rock concert, you know there is no more incredible ticket than the one labeled “backstage pass.”
It means that you don’t only see your favorite star from afar as one of the crowd. No. You actually go behind the curtain and interact with them. Personally. You can shake their hand. You can carry on a conversation with them. You can get an autograph. You can take an awkward selfie with them. For just a moment, the full attention of this person, who is followed by thousands, is on you.

When you came to Christ, you gained personal access to the God of all creation. But far from a fleeting “backstage pass,” God’s availability to you is unlimited for all of eternity. In Greek, the word “access” means a “relationship in which we are pleasing to God and have full assurance that he is compelled to show favor toward us!” Access means that every moment of every day, your God is giving his full attention to you. It means he wants to hear your stories, to carry on a thousand conversations with you and that he smiles as you take awkward selfies in the midst of his creation. It means that no matter where you go, your spirit finds itself backstage with the one who welcomes you and who delights in you!

“For through Him we both (Jews & Gentiles) have access to the Father by the Holy Spirit” Ephesians 2:18 – Emphasis added.

“In Him (Jesus Christ), and through faith in Him we may approach God with freedom and confidence” Ephesians 3:12 – Emphasis added.

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need” Hebrews 4:16 – Emphasis added.

**QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

1. *We have God’s full attention every moment of every day. He reminds of this powerful truth in the beauty of creation around us. What specific places or aspects of creation make you more aware of his presence? If you can, take a walk to enjoy the majesty of nature and thank him for your access to him.*

2. *When you have a need, do you cower away from him in fear or do you come before him with confidence? Why do you think you respond this way?*

**PRAYER:**

*God, thank you that you are everywhere, which means I am “backstage” with you every moment. Make me more*
aware of your presence all around me, that I would delight in every declaration of your love for me. I believe that I can live in your presence and that in my times of need, I can come confidently before your very throne. I boldly ask for your help in my situation. (Name it.) I receive everything that I need from you. I reject the lies of the enemy, and I receive your truth instead. Help me to walk in wisdom and power to overcome this circumstance. May you be glorified in everything.

LISTENING TIME:
Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don’t rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING

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TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:
Ask, “When is a time you had to ask for help with something? Was it easy for you or did you try your hardest to do it yourself first?” Talk about prayer and explain that we can ask God for help just as we ask others for help. Have each person pray for a difficult situation or a need in your family.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:
Pray for someone specific to have a greater understanding that the only requirement to access God is Jesus, not works.