



## I HAVE DIRECT ACCESS TO GOD!

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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*

