Think for a moment about a famous person who is living today that you greatly admire or respect. How would you feel if that celebrity personally reached out to you by name on their social media page and initiated a conversation with you? How would you feel if they called you on the phone and you actually heard their voice? Like a hose with a leaky valve, you probably wouldn’t be able to keep from spouting off to every passerby about your brush with fame. Consider if this celebrity actually befriended you and asked to stay at your house. You’d be honored, humbled and excited beyond all belief. Your joy would be uncontrollable. Here’s the reality. The greatest hero of all, the God of all creation, has called you by name. He knows you and longs for you to hear his voice. He stands ready to talk to you every day. Even though we are just messy kids, he has done the unimaginable and chosen by his Holy Spirit to take up residence within us. God isn’t just “somewhere out there.” He lives in you and longs to talk to you, guide you and fill you with abundant strength to live for him. How marvelous!

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in your midst?” 1 Corinthians 3:16 – Emphasis added.

“Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 – Emphasis added.

**QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:**

1. *Think for a moment about the Old Testament and all the laws and regulations required for someone just to come near to the presence of God. Consider their fear when they saw how awesome it was because they knew their own sins and frailties. How would it have felt to live then?*

2. *What words come to mind when you think about how Jesus paid all your sins and now delights to be in your house?*

3. *What mindsets or activities are present in your “house” that you need to surrender before Jesus? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anything in your life that doesn’t please him. Appendix 5 in “Life in the Overflow” is an excellent resource to help you walk in freedom.*

**WORSHIP RESOURCE:**

“What I know is you would never let me go!”

Listen to “Around Me” by Emberlasting. Find more info about their album at the back of the devotional.
PRAYER:
Create a clean heart in me, Oh God! I am amazed that your Spirit lives in me. Make me more aware of your presence and your voice. Help me to live my life in holiness. I choose not to live by my emotions or earthly thinking but to allow the Holy Spirit to guide me today. I thank you, Father, for the incredible gift of the Holy Spirit dwelling in me!

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:
Talk about things that you do not want present in your physical home. Pray together to remove anything that God doesn’t want there. Consider the following:

- Video games
- Objects tied to the occult
- Artifacts
- Movies
- Books/Magazines
- Artwork
- Music
- Anything else that God shows you

Make sure to remember phone and tablet apps and website access as these can be subtle but especially serious.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:
Pray for someone who is struggling with shame related to anything that you addressed above.