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Because God is loyal and faithful

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, the LORD your God <u>will be with you</u> wherever you go.

The Hebrew word for will be with you is **be chol** which means to entirely, completely, in every way and in every situation. Now just think for a minute or two about that statement from the LORD our God. No really, just meditate for a moment on what He is saying to you. There will never be a time, a season of life, a valley nor any point where He will not be with you. If you are hurting, He is there. If you are lost, He is there. If you are lonesome, He is there. I'm sure the shepherd boy David knew this when he penned these words in Ps. 139:7-12 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee your presence? If I go up to the heavens, are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there Your hand will guide me, Your right handhold me fast. If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

There were many times in my life that I was fearful and didn't know exactly what to do or where I should go. Would I make the right decision, or would I fail someone I love? It was during those times that I could just be quiet and listen. I could hear my Father speaking to me in a still, small voice, reminding me that He was right there with me. He always will be too.

Dear LORD, thank You that You are always with Your children. Thank You that You will never leave us or forsake us. We can always know You are right here with us. Thank You LORD. In Jesus Name, Amen