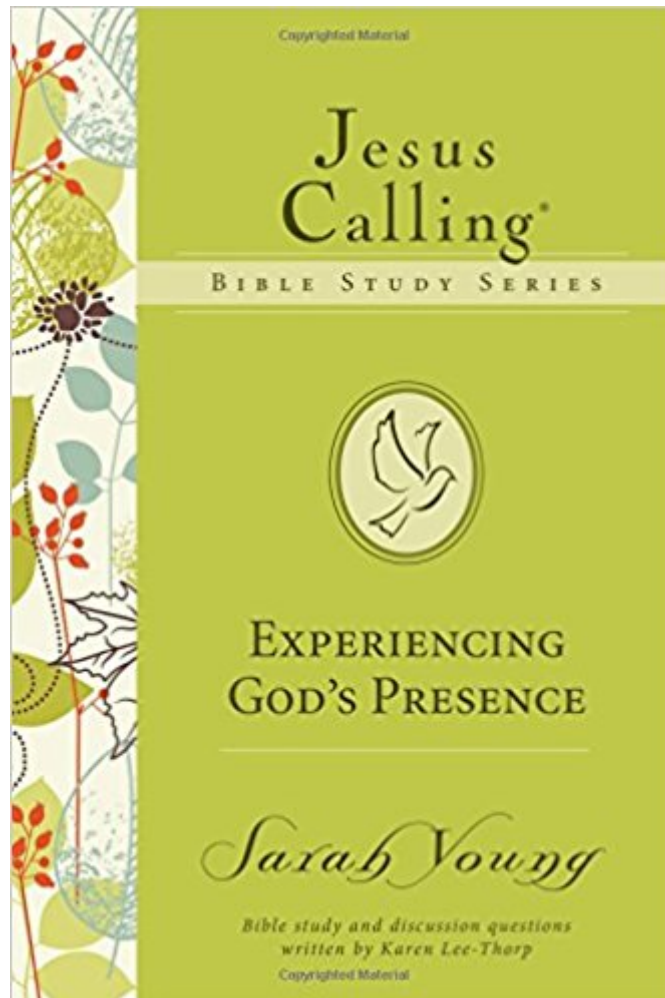




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# Experiencing God's Presence (Jesus Calling Bible Studies)



## Synopsis

After many years of writing in her prayer journal, missionary Sarah Young decided to be more attentive to the Savior's voice and listen for what He was saying to her. The result was *Â Jesus Calling*, a collection of personal reflections based on Jesus's own words of hope, guidance, and peace found in the Scriptures. Through these messages, countless people have been encouraged to experience a deeper relationship with the Lord as they also learn to listen for His voice in the pages of the Bible. In *Â Experiencing God's Presence*, the first study in the *Â Jesus Calling Bible Study Series*, you will be encouraged to lay down your cares and just spend time each day with your heavenly Father. As you follow the Lord's instruction to "be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10), you will encounter His peace, be filled with His strength, gain a new perspective on your situation, and experience the full life that only He can provide. Each of the *Â Jesus Calling Bible Studies* include devotional readings from *Â Jesus Calling*, selected passages of Scripture for reflection, Bible Study questions, and additional questions and activities to help you apply and live out the material. This study can be used for personal reflection and Bible study or in a small-group setting.

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## Customer Reviews

Sarah Young, the author of the new 365-day devotional *Â Jesus Always* and bestselling *Â Jesus Calling*, has sold more than 20 million books worldwide. *Â Jesus Calling* has appeared on all major bestseller lists. Sarah's writings

include *Jesus Calling*, *Jesus Today*, *Jesus Lives*, *Dear Jesus*, *Jesus Calling* for Little Ones, *Jesus Calling* Bible Storybook, *Jesus Calling*: 365 Devotions for Kids, and *Peace in His Presence*, each encouraging readers in their journey toward intimacy with Christ. Sarah and her husband were missionaries in Japan and Australia for many years. They currently live in the United States. Karen Lee-Thorp was a senior editor at NavPress for many years and series editor for the LifeChange Bible study series. She is now a freelance writer living in Brea, California, with her husband, Greg Herr, and their daughters, Megan and Marissa.

Having read a number of Sarah Young's *Jesus Calling* books I was keen to see how she took that material to studying the Word. This is an 8-week study that can be used in a group and/or individually. Each week has a different theme centred on Jesus' presence which is a key subject in a lot of Sarah's writings. Each week starts with considering a topic that impacts the theme for the week. So, for example, *God's Presence Brings You Peace* is one week's theme. The topic of consideration involves anxiety and what robs you of peace. There are a handful of questions to stimulate thought on what robs you of peace. She then uses 2 passages from *Jesus Calling* to illustrate how the Lord's Presence enables you to receive peace. Then there is a passage of Scripture that you meditate upon. In this example, it's when the disciples fear for their safety on the boat as Jesus sleeps below. The authors encourage you to step into the story so you imagine what it would be like. There are a series of questions for reflection and meditation. During the course of the next 5 days of that week there is a short passage for each day and 3-4 questions for reflection based around the theme for the week. I appreciated how each week was set out. The *Jesus Calling* material was only used as an accompaniment to the verses of Scripture. But what was most appealing about this study were the provocative and challenging questions. They really made you reflect on both the Word and your own situation. I definitely felt a greater sense of Jesus' presence as I worked through each day's activity. The book comes with a set of notes for a leader so it's all set out for a group study and I expect it would be a great exercise to do it this way. Definitely recommended.

Just bought this a few days ago because our Life Group leaders recommended we all get it and study it together. So far, it has been a really good learning tool. As with most Sarah Young books, I'd have to give it top ratings. This is my second year with the *Jesus Calling* 365 day devotional, and I also journal while doing it, so it's fun to look back to last years journaling and see my growth.

Thank You Sarah and Jesus.

This was our first time together as a Bible Study group and our first lesson in this study. Asking each lady what they thought we all agreed that it is a really good study and look forward to growing in our walk with God thru Experiencing God's Presence. I would recommend it as a great individual or group study.

My friends and I are really enjoying this Bible Study. Each chapter just causes us to want to draw closer to our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Easy to follow and understand while at the same time stirring your heart as you weigh your relationship with Jesus.

This is a great daily study. It makes one really search and try to understand how Jesus works with our life journey by studying how He worked through others before us.

Great classic. Brings God right into the room.

Amazing book.

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