## Victory Connect Lesson "People of His Presence" Guest Speaker: Pastor Banning Liebscher July 16, 2023

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- **4.** When in great darkness remember Who is with you. [Isa 60:2 NKJV] 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.
- **5.** If things look impossible remember you are with God. [Mar 10:27 NKJV] 27 But Jesus looked at them and said, "With men [it is] impossible, **but not with God**; for with God all things are possible."

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