

hE's So Close

Scripture Reading — Acts 17:22-28

*God did this so that they would seek him and ... find him, though he is not far from any one of us.
Acts 17:27 —*

What a tremendous encouragement for all who seek God! This verse tells us that not only will we find God if we seek him, but we won't have far to look. He is close to us already.

How so? For some of us, God may seem distant. Maybe we think of heaven, God's home, as far, far away on the other "side" of this immense universe. Paul disagrees. God is a lot closer than we might think. He is right here, right now. All we need to do is "notice" the signs of his presence in our very existence.

We're alive. Where did our life come from? From God! We exist. We move. How so? Our very mobility and being show that God is the source of our life. More than that, claims Paul, God gave us ancestors and even prepared a place for each of them to live. That's also how we showed up—at a specific address, on a certain day. An accident? Random chance? No! assures Paul. God was at work, choreographing even our birth date and birth place as clues to his immediate involvement in our existence from day one.

To find God, an inviting first step is simply to embrace what we so deeply want to believe: our very existence can't be just an accident. We are not flukes. We know this deep in our very bones.

Life—our life—came from God.

Prayer

O God, with each breath of air, we are re–minded how you give us life and sustain us. Open our spiritual lungs to breathe in your renewing Spirit for full life. In Jesus, Amen

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