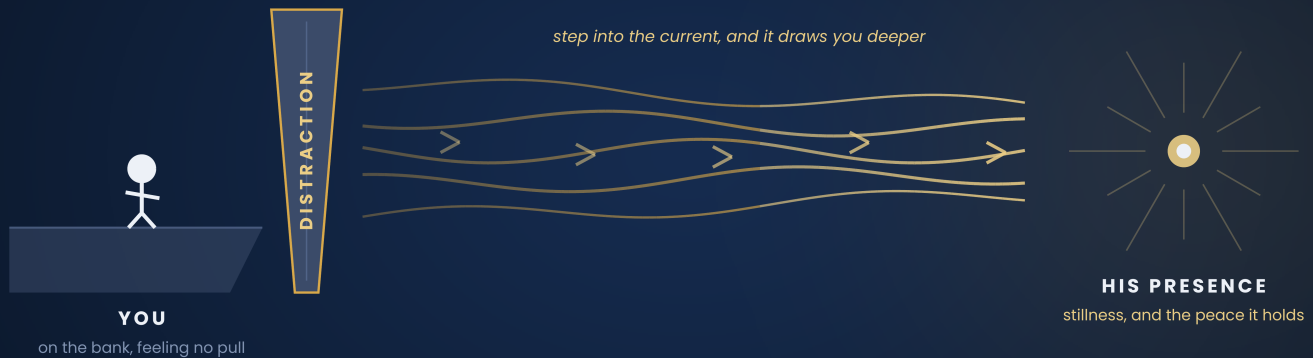


FINDING HIS PRESENCE

The Distraction Wedge

The quiet divide between you and the stillness where His presence waits.

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WITHOUT STILLNESS, THE SLOW SLIDE DOWN

- 1 Never experience it
- 2 Never know its worth
- 3 Never look for it
- 4 Never find stillness
- 5 A life spent rushing

"We drown in entertainment to avoid the silence where God speaks, then complain that He is silent."

— Jonathan Pokluda

Drawn into *the stillness*.

Stillness is where you find God's presence — and an invisible wedge keeps most of us from ever getting there. It is built from the noise of ordinary life: the notifications, the hurry, the endless things demanding attention. Piece by piece, it divides us from the quiet where He speaks.

God doesn't force anyone into His presence. He draws them. Think of a stream: standing on the bank, dry and outside it, you feel no pull to step in. But the moment you enter, the current takes hold and carries you further than you meant to go.

Stillness works the same way. From the outside it holds no appeal, and there's no desire to be still. But step into it, even briefly, and it draws you toward more stillness — and more of His presence.

Here's the problem: you can't be drawn into the stream of stillness while you're too distracted to notice it's there. The still, small whisper of God gets drowned out by the roar of the world, until people never experience His peace, His love, His joy, or His goodness at all.

And that sets off a quiet unraveling. If they never experience it, how will they know it's worth having? If they never know it's worth having, why would they look? If they never look, how will they find it? And if they never find stillness, they'll spend their whole lives in a hurry — never once realizing they're rushing.

The current is still flowing. The whisper never stopped. The only question is whether you'll set down the noise long enough to step in.