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## Being Among Us

### [John 1:1-14](#)

*<sup>14</sup> The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

While I was driving home one very rainy, cold, and damp day from a radiation treatment in Morgantown, West Virginia, I was feeling pretty bad. I ached all over, had a headache and was chilled to the bone.

As I was traveling through town, I stopped at an intersection for the red light. As people passed in front of me, I could easily see each breath exhaled by everyone, because it was so cold and damp. People seemed to be in a hurry to get wherever they were going; I would guess they were probably interested in getting indoors out of the weather.

As the stoplight turned green, I caught a glance of movement to my right. At the time, nobody was behind me, and I automatically waved for them to cross in front of me. At that time the only thing I could think of was getting home, laying down and getting warm under the covers. As I looked up, I could see a young gentleman in a wheelchair being pushed by someone. This young man had such a smile on his face that it just radiated. You just couldn't help but notice his gleeful expression; you could even say it glowed.

This gentleman was wearing a mid-weight jacket at best (partially zipped), flannel shirt, ball cap, jeans, tennis shoes, and no gloves. He was moving his arms as he was looking around and speaking to his attendant. Both of the gentlemen had red hands and red faces.

Now these two looked soaked to the skin judging by their attire, and they appeared to be having the time of their lives. They waved and smiled, thanking me as they passed in front of my truck.

As I sat there waiting for them to clear the curb and continue down the sidewalk, I thought how lucky and fortunate I am. Now, I always try to put on a positive outlook and attitude toward everyone, even when I am not feeling good, but it just seems to me that there is always someone doing worse than you, whether it be physical, mental, psychological, or financial.

As a general rule, I don't believe you have to look very far to find them. Just like the one crossing the road in front of me. I thought to myself, "Lord I am so glad that you continually walk among us and show your glory and grace when we are in need of it."

***Prayer:*** *Dear Lord, help us to continue to see your glory, truth, and grace among us and remember how thankful we should be, even during times of difficulty. Amen.*

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