

**DRAW NEAR TO GOD 2 - Kahu Billy Mitchell October 16, 2022**  
James 4:8a NASB 1995 **Draw near to God and He will draw near to you . . .**

**1. WHY DO WE NEED TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD?**

For me the answer is “oxygen!” There’s no life without God! No eternal life, for sure! The 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm says - Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil: for thou art with me . . . (his presence) most of all for who he is; period!

John 3:16 NIV For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Isaiah 53:5 NIV But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Philippians 4:13 NKJV **I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!**

Philippians 4:19 NASB And my God will **SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEEDS** according to **HIS RICHES IN GLORY IN CHRIST JESUS.**

**Walk on the Wata!** Luke 18:27 NIV Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." (after feeding 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish... they went out on the Sea of Galilee)

**2. WHY DO WE GO AWAY FROM GOD . . . it's a constant, we go we come back; we go we come back!**

**Tragedy . . . blame God . . . weary**

Jeremiah 12:5 NIV “If you have raced with men on foot and they have worn you out, how can you compete with horses? If you stumble<sup>1</sup> in safe country, how will you manage in the thickets by<sup>2</sup> the Jordan?

**Distractions . . . Drama!!! Too busy . . . too blessed . . . the 10 lepers . . . just drifting**

Psalm 119:67,71 NIV <sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word. <sup>71</sup> It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees. **Too self-sufficient . . . good party . . . we lose the habit**

**3. HOW TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD . . . ONLY BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS!**

John 14:6 NIV Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**Repent . . .** Acts 3:19 NIV Repent, then, and **turn to God**, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

**Come Humble . . .** Psalm 51:16-17 NIV (about King David) <sup>16</sup> You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.<sup>17</sup> My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

**Come Hungry and Thirsty . . .** Matthew 5:6 NIV Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

**Church . . . The Reps** Hebrews 10:23-25 NIV <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> **not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing**, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**The Word . . .** Colossians 3:16-17 NASB 1995 <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

**SAY IT! PRAY IT ! TRUST IT! SHARE IT! DON'T GIVE UP!!! BE TRANSFORMED!!! READ . . . MEMORIZE THE ONE(S) FOR YOU!**

**IN CONCLUSION : In My Pule . . .** PSALM 103:1-5 NASB 1995 (Praise) Bless the Lord, O my soul, And all that is within me, (Praise) *bless* His holy name.<sup>2</sup> (Praise) Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; <sup>3</sup>Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; <sup>4</sup>Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with loving kindness and compassion; <sup>5</sup>Who satisfies your years with good things, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle.

Psalm 91:14-16 NIV “Because he loves me,” (saith the LORD), “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. <sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him. <sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

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