

Title: Come Closer Still

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I just encourage everybody always, we have a God who loves us. Don't be afraid of intimacy. Don't be afraid of intimacy with God, male and female, from the eldest to the youngest. God Almighty is intimate. He is acquainted with all of our ways. Don't hide from Him. Don't keep your heart from Him. Run to Him. Run to Him, and allow Him to speak to your hearts. Don't be afraid of intimacy with the Lord. He is perfect, amen. It's Biblical from Genesis to Revelation. He is working really hard to break through to hearts and our minds. He will never stop. There is not a place you come in your Christian walk, that you say, "Well, I've arrived. I know it all. I have it all." No, not in forever, alright? The veils are constantly being removed for us to fall in love with Him, know Him, see Him, hear Him, and feel Him. It's not a dead religion. It's about a living hope, a living God, a living Christ, and praise the Lord for this.

He has really been working on bringing great clarity and a little fire underneath living, life, fresh new revelation, and counsel with God. He wants us to know Him. We don't want to just sit back and say, "Well, we heard about Him." Every saint is called to know Him deeply and intimately. You can't measure or compare that with each other, but you can encourage one another daily, while it's called today. You can see someone's love and faith for God and be drawn into that love. But, you don't compare yourself. Instead, you just cut loose, give Him your whole spirit, soul and body. Allow Him to fill you, and allow Him to speak to you. Yes, that's the cry of oneness, and that's what it's going to be like forever and ever. Wow. The Lord is saying, "Come closer still."

"Come closer still." You say, "How close do you want to get?" That close, right? "Come closer still, and come to know Me." Again, you say, "Oh, I know the Lord," and you do. But He says, "Come closer still to know Me." That will always be His heart, and you will be undone when you get just a glimpse of His glory. Just a fresh word, or an impression in your soul where the Spirit of God speaks to you, brings the Word, and brings new life to you. Sometimes He has to pump it, right? Sometimes He has to, "whoosh," and wake us up. Let Him do that. But, the journey is consistent love that will never fail us. Yes, it is, "God is love." Have y'all heard that? God is love, and His love has no end. There's no tapping out. There is no limit for us in God. This House is after His heart. This House is after the glory of the Lord. We want to see Him in all His glory. We have said, "Come Lord Jesus, come."

Isaiah 45:5 NKJV

I don't want any other God before Him. I don't want anything else before Him. I don't want my flesh before Him. I don't want my stubborn will, or pride, or fear before Him. I want to be wide open, laid bare, which really we are, and to know Him. Allow Him to be all in all to me. He says, "Come closer still. I am the Lord. There is no other. There is no God besides me." It is a call to come closer still. "The Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come.'" "Come closer still to know Me." Yes, Lord.

Matthew 11:25-27 NKJV

Right there He is already in Isaiah 45:5, "I am the Lord. There is no other. There is no God beside Me." I just stepped in to the family of God with that statement. Okay, this was before the cross, but He already sees us with Him as one. "No one knows the Son except the Father." There's that intimacy, "Come closer still to know Me," and it is perfect knowledge, correct? "Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son." That is perfect knowledge. Yes, perfect, nothing hindering, nothing in between. They are one. "I and my Father are One, and the one to

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whom the Son wills to reveal Him,” that's us. Aren't you happy that the Son chose to reveal Him to us, so that we can enter this intimacy, so we can enter this relationship, and so that we can know Him. “Come closer still.”

Sometimes when things are a little tight, you say, “That's close enough.” You have probably said that a few times. You might have even put your hand up, saying, “We're good.” Somebody comes to go deep with you in your heart, but you say, “We're good.” That means, “Don't come past here. Don't cross this hand. Do not trespass. Thou shalt not enter.” Right? There's a line here that you don't see, and I just drew it.” No, no, no, that line is removed when you become a believer in Jesus Christ. You get to go right in to know the Father like the Son, and know the Son like the Father. The great Holy Ghost is the one that brings revelation. You can't do this of yourself. We can't blink and make that happen. It is relationship, Beloved.

These are powerful words. He makes that statement, and He says, “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me. I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Because My yoke is easy and My burden is light.” There's the breakthrough. There's the breaker anointing. There's the call, “Come closer still to know Me. Come to Me all who are weary and heavy laden.” Hallelujah, oh Lord! Do not be afraid of intimacy, Beloved. He will never fail you.

John 6:35-37 NKJV

All of this chapter is amazing. Jesus isn't going to say, “Stop, don't come.” He says, “Come closer still.” Hear it? The Father knows those who are His. “All that the Father gives Me.” Jesus Christ knew this. He has trust in the Father. That He would bring to Him all who are called before the foundations of the world. No matter what hell comes against you in life, He knows those who are His. That's confidence. I put my confidence in Him, truth. “All that the Father gives Me, they will come to Me.” He knows it. He is not worried. He is open. “The one who comes to me, I will, by no means cast out.”

John 6:38-40 NKJV

Resurrection, hallelujah! What a promise. What a declaration. These words are living. This is life. This is life abundant. We have been called to God, Beloved. We don't just go to church. You are the Church. We have been called to a living, breathing relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost and the word of God. We are called to abide and remain in Him. When you do that, you are going to bear fruit. You're going to be changed. He takes us, “from glory to glory, and from faith to faith,” no matter what is going on. Come hell or high water, He is the same, amen. The Lord Jesus Christ is crying out. “Let all who are weary come.” Even after you get saved, you can become weary. The scripture says, “Don't grow weary in well doing.” So, not just before the cross, but once you've received Him, the cry is still the same. “Let all who are weary come. Come near to me. Come, come closer still. Come close to My heart, My presence, My will, My knowledge, My wisdom, My counsel, and receive fresh revelation from My heart for you and your families. Come, that is daily, 24/7.” Even while we sleep, He is worshipping over us.

He prays over us. He gives to His Beloved, even in their sleep. That's the cry. “Come, hear it. Come, come closer still.” Don't tell Him, “That's close enough,” right? Break down those boundaries. Run into His arms and say, “Yes, Lord.” Then you get to say, “Come, come, Lord Jesus, come. I want to know you. I want to know you. I want to hear you. I want to feel you. I want to see you. I want to encounter you.” That's living. No dead works. No condemnation, for all have come closer because of His grace. “Now there is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” That's the call, “Come, come closer still.” Yes, Lord, “No one knows the Son except the Father. Nor does anyone know the Father except the Son and the one to whom the Son wills to reveal Him.” It is God's will for you and me to receive revelation

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knowledge of Him every day. He desires for us, Beloved, His Church, to know Him deeply. Say, "No surface intimacy." Don't be afraid of intimacy when you feel Him, talk to your heart. Don't back off and run. Press in and let Him go there. You know what I mean? I know, you know what I mean. You say, "That's good. That's good." No, say, "Here I am, Lord." Go, go, go with Him. He has chosen us to be His dwelling place, His home. He says we are the temple of Holy Spirit, each and every one of us corporately. There's good news coming at the end of the book! But right now, we get to abide and remain with Him. Amen. Holy Spirit is working to reveal Jesus to us all every day.

The Holy Ghost is working. Isn't it amazing? "He is the Spirit of Truth, the Comforter, the Helper. He will come and He'll teach you everything that I've said. He'll reveal everything about Me." Thank God for Holy Spirit. Who is God? Holy Spirit is God, hallelujah! He is not boxed in. Wow. He is so amazing. He is calling for us to come to know Him. He wants us to grow in living knowledge of Him. That's the Holy Spirit's job. He is constantly revealing. Remember, wisdom, revelation, knowledge, counsel, might, fear of the Lord, the power of God, and the anointing of Jesus Christ. He is working with us every day. He doesn't take off. He doesn't go on vacation, He doesn't get tired of us even though we are. He is long suffering. He longs for us more than you could ever think. The Spirit is laboring towards us.

When you're carrying heavy burdens, you're weighted down, and you've got some tough things going on right now, the Lord says, "Come closer still. Come closer still." Don't run and try to do it on your own. Don't try to make something happen and provide for yourself. Come closer still to God. He is there. He is here. Amen. Jesus's desire is for us to know Him deeply. So, I don't want to kick against the goad. I just want to get a white flag that says, "I surrender." Maybe get a lapel pin that says, "I absolutely surrender." That's a good conversation starter. People at work would ask, "What are you surrendering to?" I don't know. Maybe it's a word of knowledge for everybody.

Isaiah 33:5-6 NKJV

Wow. The Lord is exalted. He dwells on high. He is enthroned on the highest throne, amen. He is Lord over all. All means all, hallelujah. He fills Zion with justice and righteousness. We praise God when ever righteous and justice has manifested on the Earth and shifted something dark, evil, unjust and wicked. We love it when God's justice manifests. We love it when His righteousness prevails. We love it when we get the victory over evil. Yes, because this is where He is ruling from. "The scepter of righteousness is the scepter of His kingdom." He gives the saints the scepter of righteousness to rule in Christ's righteousness. You rule from Christ, in Christ and through Christ on this Earth. Amen. He is our strength. Wisdom and knowledge will be the stability of your time. You say, "I did not know that. I thought wisdom and knowledge were a little boring, but it is the wisdom and the knowledge of God that stabilizes you, right? That fixes you. It's His counsel, it's His wisdom, and it's His knowledge. By Revelation, He imparts this to us. The fear of the Lord wraps it all up. Praise the Lord. If we don't have the fear the Lord, we need to get saved, amen. You laugh, but a lot of people go to church and they're not saved yet. We want everybody, saints and sinners, to be born again from above. I have to know, that I know, that I know I have been born again. That's what got me saved. Wow.

Habakkuk 2:14 NKJV

"The Earth will be filled." It's good to declare these scriptures. It exalts God on His throne. These scriptures put Him in place. He says, "Come closer still." He is constantly working to bring revelation knowledge of who He is. Isn't this amazing! The Earth, that's the Earth. It didn't say your city, it didn't say your street, it didn't say your house, and it didn't say your nation.

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“The Earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,” amen. Nothing missing, and nothing broken. You can praise God for that. You can give Him glory for this. It is now, and this is forever. The apostles prayed for the Church. You will see it in scripture. They prayed for the Church. We pray for the Church. We pray for the saints. We pray for our families.

Ephesians 1:17 NKJV

He will give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. To know Him, it's our prayer, Lord. That we would grow. That we would have the spirit of wisdom and revelation to know you. “Come closer still. Come closer still to know me.” Don't you run away. Don't you go back. You come on up. You come on up here. You come up higher. You come in deeper. You come in closer. Don't be afraid of intimacy. Men, don't be afraid of intimacy, amen. You are sons of God.

Colossians 1:10 NKJV

“Come closer still, to know me.” “That you would walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work.” That's an amazing statement. “I'm going to bear fruit in everything.” Wow, and increasing in the knowledge of God. His government is always one of increase. God's government is always one of increase, not decrease. If He is tired of it, He'll cut it off. You understand, if He is tired of it, He'll pluck it up. But, His government, His kingdom, is always increasing. Hallelujah. Say, “glory to glory.” Sweet Jesus, we receive it.

Second Peter 3:18 NKJV

Amen, “Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.” Fresh bread. You all know what stale bread or stale crackers taste like. Those square ones are the worst. You saw how I did my nose. That's what it looks like to God. It's a stench in His nostrils, right? But, “We are growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him, be the glory now and forever.” It's fresh. You are fresh. You are flourishing. We are always abounding in the work of the Lord. We are growing. We are being fruitful. We are granted repentance. We are changing. We are not stale and old. We are not dry bread or dry crackers. Hallelujah!

Revelation 3:20 NKJV

We love this. This is Jesus. There it is, Living Knowledge. Living Knowledge is knocking at the door of our heart. Somewhere in there, we opened our heart to Him. We heard His voice and we responded. Some say they were saved when they were five or six years old. The Lord God chose to come to you at that age, and you opened the door of your heart. Yes, all the way to the end of your dying day. He is still knocking. He knows those who are His. “I stand at the door and I knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come.” He says, “Come closer still, to know Me.” You are saved. You know you are going to Heaven, yet there is this deep, abiding revelation in you that has to have more. You have to know Him. You have to see Him. You have to hear Him. You have to feel Him. I have to do what He *does*. That's it. You just have to do what He does. You have to be where He is. He is calling us to His heart, Beloved. Living Knowledge is in God's word, yes. The word of God is Living Knowledge. This word is living. “Come closer still, to know Me.” “Oh, yes, Lord, Thank You that You have willed this. You want me and my household to be saved, and not just saved by the hair of our “chinny, chin, chin,” but walking with God.

Hebrews 4:12-13 NKJV

There is the intimacy. If the devil can keep you out of the word of God, he is trying to block that intimacy. Because once you start reading the word of God, which is living, that enters your soul, your mind, will and emotions and hits your body. The Spirit Man is up, front and center, receiving revelation knowledge of the Lord, God Almighty. No matter what scripture you are

reading. I don't think that, "Judas went and hanged himself," is something I really want to join in. Yet, He brought justice to His word.

We honor every word testifying of what God Almighty has done. I will receive the Word of God for myself. It's living, powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. It's *beyond* "I have to do my Bible study and my one year reading plan." These are good to build discipline. I've done it. Grounding myself in the first three years of my salvation all the way through Genesis to Revelation, for three years solid. I know He rooted me and grounded me in that discipline. But you have to understand, it's not about the next greatest thing. This is a living, breathing book, right? He'll ground you. He'll root you in it, amen. The Word of God is powerful, because He is revealing knowledge to you. Our babies need to hear it, even if they are too young to read yet. Read the Bible over them. Read the scriptures over them. Decree the truth over them when they are saying, "Ba, ba, ba, and when they are four, they just start speaking the Word of God. You say, "How did you hear that?" It's because you have been praying it over them since they were in your womb. Truth. Everything hears the Word of God. That's truth. You can read Revelation 21 and 22 for yourself in fullness, but I want you to hear His heart. This is where we are going. It is just amazing. "Come closer still, to know Me."

Revelation 22:7 AMPC

Jesus says, "Behold, I am coming speedily." Now, if He is saying, "Come closer still," and He says, "I am coming speedily." Don't just put that at the end of the book. Don't just put it at the end of the age, but "He is coming at the end." Right? You put that right now, because you are going to come "front and center," if you hear Him say, "I'm coming speedily." You are going to drop everything and get in position before God to meet Him. If you found out He is coming in 20 minutes, you are going to stop everything else and you are going to meet Him in 20 minutes. I promise you will, truth. "Behold, I am coming speedily, blessed, (happy and to be envied) is he who observes and lays to heart and keeps the truths of the prophecy, (the predictions, the consolations and the warnings) contained in this (little) book." Called the Book of Revelation.

Verse 8, "And I John, am he who heard and witnessed these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell prostrate before the feet of the messenger (angel) who showed them to me to worship him." So he is hearing, and he is receiving the whole revelation of Jesus Christ from beginning to end. At this point, he is testifying. "I John, heard and witnessed these things." He is saying, "I am a living witness of the revelation of Jesus Christ. And when I heard and saw them, I fell like a dead man, flat on my face, because He came close, and that was his position before the Christ, the Son of the living God, amen. "When I heard and I saw them, this messenger came, I fell prostrate before the feet of the messenger, (the angel) who showed them to worship him."

Verse 9, He says, "No, no, no, refrain. You must not do that. I am only a fellow servant, along with yourself and your brethren, the prophets, and with those who are mindful of and practice the truths contained in the messages of this book." Wow, "Worship God. I am the Lord. There is no other. There is no God besides Me." So, the revelation is coming of Jesus Christ. The angel, the messenger, is bringing the revelation. John falls to his face in the glory, and he worships, and he gets corrected. He says, This is what we are doing. In everything, all the truths, these messages, it is vital. Worship God, hear God, fear God, know God. That's the truth. It's like it goes on and on.

Verse 10, "He further told me, don't seal up the words of the prophecy of this book and make no secret of them." That makes sense. "For the time when these things are brought to a crisis, and the period of their fulfillment is near." How long ago was this written?

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“And He says it is near, the Kingdom of Heaven is near you.” Jesus said that, “Repent, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”

So, here we are, the Church of the living God, intimate with God in Christ, learning and growing, and all getting to see Him every day anew.” This word is still living and testifying. This message is still here. You receive a blessing when you receive revelation. Just saying, “You get blessed every time you get revelation.” Every time you creep over there and you open it up, you get revelation. You get blessed. Say, “I’m blessed.” “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book. Make no secret of them.” It’s time to tell about it.

Back in *the book of Daniel*, sometimes the Lord would say, “Now seal that up and don’t say more about it till the appointed time.” But right now, He says, “The book of Revelation of Jesus Christ is open.” Hallelujah. Hallelujah. There are things that are going to take place, and have taken place, and will take place. God’s in charge of that, but we are to abide and remain in the Living Knowledge and in the Living Revelation of Jesus Christ, daily. I need to have more fear of God than fear of the judgments and wrath. I’m not appointed to wrath, in Jesus name, amen.

Verse 11, “He who is unrighteous (unjust, wicked), let him be unrighteous still. He who is filthy, vile and impure, let him be filthy still. He who is righteous (just, upright, in right standing with God, let him do right still. He who is holy, let him be holy still.”

You see, He is showing you. “This is our lifestyle, Beloved. This is who you are. This is who I’ve made you to be. You are in Me, and I’m in you. We are one with the Father. We are growing in wisdom and revelation and knowledge and counsel and might and power and knowledge of Him.” He says, “You are righteous. Be righteous to the end. You are holy. Be holy to the end. Hold your ground. Don’t back up. Don’t sit down. Don’t retreat.” There is no retreat in the Kingdom of Heaven. There’s no retreating. There’s not, there’s not, there’s not. Because, Jesus did not retreat. He went all the way to the cross for us, amen and hallelujah. The Spirit of God raised Him from the dead.

Verse 12, “Behold, I’m coming soon.” You say, “Lord, how long?” Right? How long? “Behold I am coming soon.” He is coming. “Keep coming. Keep coming. Come closer still to you.” Yes, “Behold, I’m coming soon.” Have your position before Him like that. “You are coming to me more. You are coming to me. I see you, I hear you, I feel you are coming soon.” Then in the end, oh yes, whenever He comes, whenever the shout comes, “Yes, sir.” But, I need you to make it personal and intimate today. Yes, we are not a dead book.

He says, “Behold, I am coming soon, and I am going to bring my wages and my rewards with me to repay and render to each one just what his own actions and his own work merit.” What a man sows that shall he reap.” This is the fear of the Lord. “I shall bring my wages and rewards with me to repay and render to each one just what his own actions and his own work merit.” He brings blessings to those in Him. He brings rewards to those of us, in Him. He rewards us. Oh my God, over our head and off the top. We are going to have such a shout in Heaven. I told you, this is over my head, amen. We are going to just go, “Wow, this is amazing!” But, He is also going to pay and give what is due to the wicked, truth.

Verse 13, “I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the before all and the end of all.”

Verse 14, “Blessed, happy and to be envied are those who cleanse their garments that they may have the authority and the right to approach the tree of life and to enter through the gates into the city.”

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Verse 15, "But without are the dogs and those who practice sorceries, magic arts and impurity, the lewd and adulterers and the murderers and idolaters and everyone who loves and deals in falsehood, untruth, error, deception, lies, cheating."

Those can't come in. They can't inherit the Kingdom of Heaven. "Without are the dogs and those who practice sorceries, impurities, murders, idolaters, everybody that loves and deals in falsehood and wickedness," they can't inherit Heaven. Yes, praise the Lord. God is faithful and true. I read that earlier, did I not? "I am the Lord. There is no other. There is no God besides Me." He will judge those false gods.

Verse 16, "I, Jesus, have sent My messenger, my angel, to you to witness and to give you assurance of these things for the churches, the assemblies, I am the Root, the Source, the Offspring of David, the radiant and brilliant Morning Star." This is Jesus, the one we love, amen. You can worship Him as the Root and Offspring of David. You can worship Him as the Bright and Morning Star. You can worship Him as King of kings and Lord of lords, and every name that He has in scripture. "Worship God. Fear God." The angel said, "Worship God, fear God, and worship Him only. That is what Heaven's doing." Wow. We sang about that this morning. They are saying, "All of Heaven is worshipping and praising Him."

Verse 17, "The Holy Spirit and the Bride (the church, true Christians) say, Come! And let him who is listening, say, Come! and let everyone come, who is thirsty, who is painfully conscious of his need of those things by which the soul is refreshed, supported and strengthened, and whoever earnestly desires to do it, let him come, take, appropriate and drink the water of Life without cost."

How many times does He have to say it? "Come closer still." This is not just at the end. It's not just on your deathbed, right? This is our lifestyle. Every day the Spirit says, "Come, come closer still, come, come, come. Eat of My flesh, drink of My blood, come. Abide in Me and I in you. Come, say the Holy Spirit and the Bride." We are one. We are working together to manifest and to magnify Jesus Christ on the Earth. We are working together to save the lost. We are working together to put the call out to those that are lost, whether you know them or not. Maybe everybody in your family is saved, but there are a lot of unsaved families. Stand up and go, "Come!" Let that get out in the atmosphere.

You call them in while you are on your walk. I walk by houses every morning. As I go, I pray over them. (Tongues), "Come!" I don't even know them. But, the Spirit of God knows who they are. You speak those words, and those angels are attentive. You might not know that an answer to a prayer comes just because you prayed something when you walked by their house. That's just a home. We are in a lot of places, guys. We have our feet in a lot of places. Hallelujah. Can you imagine grocery stores being a place of revival because somebody went there and said, "Come," and everybody runs and gets saved. Think outside the box!

Let everyone who's listening say Come. Let everyone come. Everybody who is thirsty. I love this, "painfully conscious of his need." "I know what I need. I am so thirsty. I am so hungry. Feed me, satisfy me, refresh me, support me, strengthen me, Lord." Yes, "Whoever earnestly desires, let him come, take, appropriate and drink the water of Life without cost."

Jesus Christ paid all for us. He paid for us all, not just to get saved and get in the Kingdom, but to, "Come still, come closer, and to know Him." The knowledge of Jesus in every place, is the cloud of His presence. The knowledge of Jesus in every place, is the cloud of His presence. It's the glory of the Lord in every place. Amen.

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Let's stand up and if you need to come, we will pray for you up here. If you need to get saved, we will pray for you up here. But just know that the Spirit of God is laboring. Everything He is bringing with these words is living. Amen!

“Father, we receive, we attend to, and we hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. Father, our heart is on fire for you. We desire you. “Come, come closer still.” Y'all just say that out there, “Come, come closer still,” and He will do it. Thank you, Lord. You are faithful to your word. I know Father, it is your delight to give the Son everybody that's in Your heart. I know Jesus, it's your delight to give the Father everything He needs. I know Holy Ghost that You are working overtime to save, heal and deliver to the uttermost. We surrender all and we glorify Your name. In Jesus' name, amen.