



Come close to Me

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What do you see as the most important thing in a healthy relationship between two people?

Genesis 45: 3-5 (NKJV)

³ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “*I am* Joseph; does my father still live?” But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed in his presence. ⁴ And Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near to me.” So they came near. Then he said: “*I am* Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.



John 1: 10-12 (NKJV)

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

¹¹ He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him. ¹² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:



HEART OF CHRIST

WHAT AM I TRUSTING GOD FOR IN MY SMALL GROUP?



ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER

MIND OF CHRIST HOW AM I GOING TO EQUIP MYSELF THIS YEAR?

FEET OF CHRIST
WHOSE SALVATION AM I PRAYING FOR?

HANDS OF CHRIST

WHERE AM I GOING TO SERVE THIS YEAR?

CARRY ME IN YOUR WALLET | PRAYER/REMINDER CARD

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Philippians 3: 8 and 9 (NLT)

⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith.



Few points how we can have a closer relationship with God.

1. Confessing our sin to Him.
2. Listen when God speaks.
3. Speak to Him through prayer.
4. Find a body of believers with whom we can regularly worship.
5. Life of obedience.

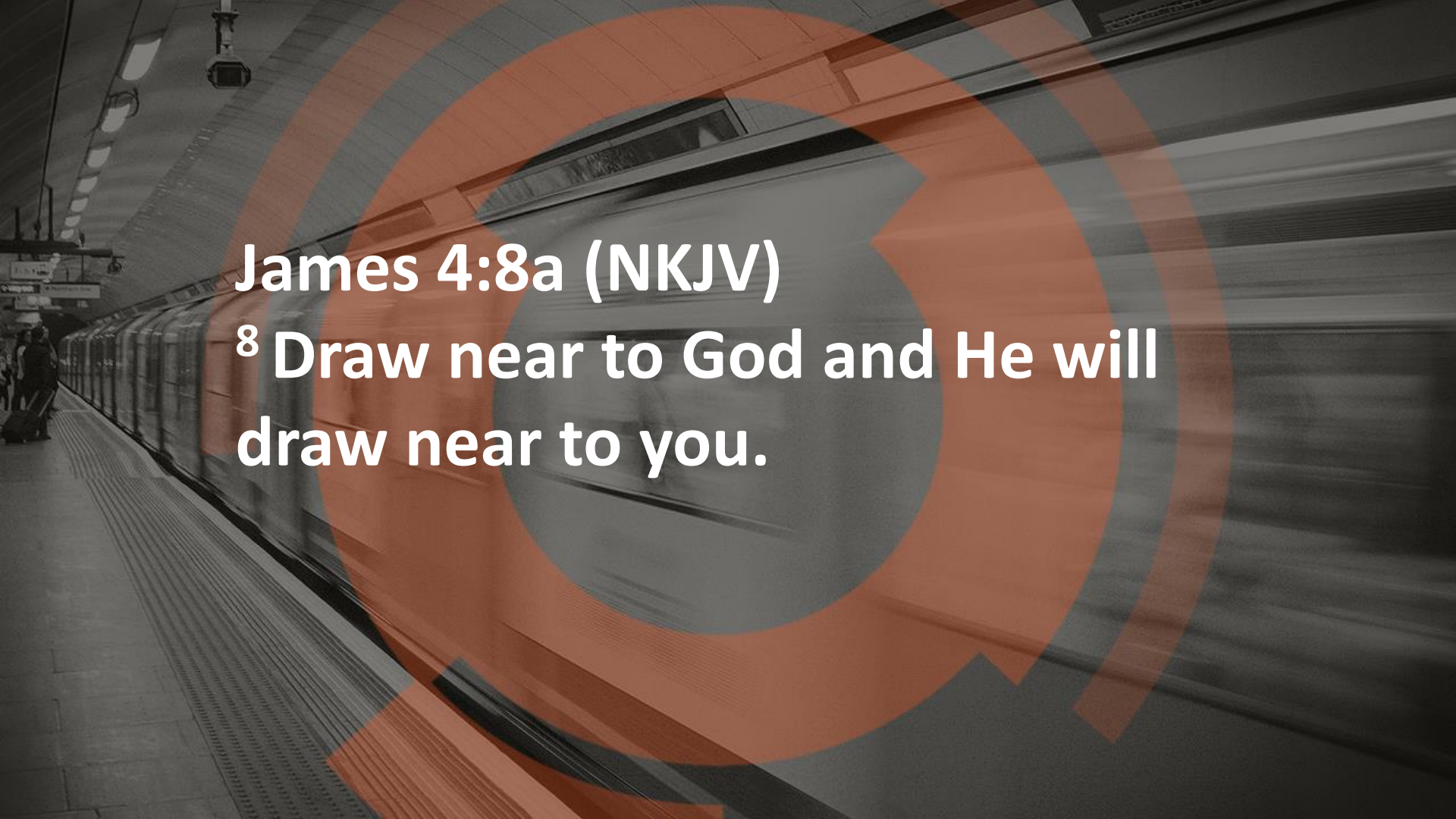
Luke 13:10-13 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. ¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up. ¹² But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, “Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.” ¹³ And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.



John 6:35 (NKJV)

³⁵ And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”

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James 4:8a (NKJV)

**⁸ Draw near to God and He will
draw near to you.**