

Northside

Nearer #1

“Show me your friends, and I’ll show you your future.”

There were many who’s lives were radically changed by the reality and presence of Jesus.

Not everyone who was near Jesus, who heard Him teach, or even saw Him do miraculous things followed Him.

Fear and trembling is a Hebrew phrase that meant being in awe of God’s majesty and goodness.

Jesus is the ultimate example of what nearness and surrender to God look like.

Confidence has to do with coming before God’s throne with transparency, in realness, laid bear, and with no need to hide

It is the invitation of God to draw near right now, in the reality of who we are, right where we are at.

Mercy = not getting what you do deserve

Grace= is getting what you don’t deserve

What does friendship with the world mean?

What does James connect drawing near to God with?

It’s about a nearness with God that leads to transformation; your life beginning to reflect the reality of God’s pretense in you.

What does the Bible say nearness with God brings in our life?

Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear.

■ **Hebrews 4:14–16** NLT

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So...

■ **James 4:4–8** NLT

You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. Do you think the Scriptures have no meaning? They say that God is...

■ **Acts 17:27** NLT

“His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.

■ **Isaiah 29:13** NLT

And so the Lord says,
“These people say they are mine.
They honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
And their worship of me
is nothing but man-made rules learned by rote.

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