



STAYING CONNECTED
Dangerously Close to Jesus
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Close (adjective): being near in time, space, effect, or degree; to be intimate within a relationship; marked by warm friendship, close association, close contact, knowledge, and familiarity.

“I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn’t confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn’t choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other.” John 15:9-17 NLT

CLOSENESS MEANS _____.

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IMITATION PRODUCES _____

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Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.” John 5:19 NLT

“Be imitators of God, as beloved children.” Ephesians 5:1 NASB

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ACTIONS THAT _____

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*“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it.”
Matthew 16:25 NIV*

*“For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.”
2 Corinthians 4:11-12 NIV*

CLOSENESS MEANS _____.

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REVELATIONS _____

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“All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.” John 16:15 NIV

*“You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.”
Psalm 51:6 NASB*

CLOSENESS MEANS _____.

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(VV 16-17)*

COMMISSION _____

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*“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.
2 Corinthians 3:17-18 NLT*

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.” John 13:34 NIV

TODAY MY RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS IS...

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Non-Existent				Comfortably Close						Dangerously Close

FILL-INS

- IMITATION
- INNER CONNECTION WITH JESUS
- STRONG SATISFACTION IN JESUS

- A SPECIFIC PATTERN OF ACTION
- ACTIONS THAT COME FROM MY EXPERIENCE WITH JESUS
- ACTIONS THAT RISK PERSONAL LOSS TO SHOW LOVE

- CONFIDENTIAL REVELATION
- REVELATIONS THAT MAKE GOD KNOWN TO ME
- REVELATIONS THAT MAKE ME FACE ME

**PERSONAL SELECTION AND COMMISSION
COMMISSION TO REFLECT CHRIST
COMMISSION TO REPRODUCE HIS LOVE**