



A background graphic of a ruler with large, bold letters and distance markings. The letters are arranged in a diagonal pattern, and the markings are in feet and meters. The letters visible include 'O', 'D', 'S', 'C', 'E', 'H', 'I', 'N', 'J', 'O', 'H', 'N', 'T', 'B', 'E', 'R'. The markings are: 100 ft. or 30.5 m, 50 ft. or 15.24 m, 40 ft. or 12.19 m, 30 ft. or 9.14 m, 20 ft. or 6.10 m, 15 ft. or 4.75 m.

God Is Closer
Than You Think
The Presence

John 16:7

“I tell you the truth: it is for your good that I am going away....”

John 7:37-39

“On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.”

Psalm 46:4

“There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God....”

Jeremiah 17:7-8

“But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Psalm 42:1

“As the deer pants for the water, so my soul pants for you, O God.”

Revelation 22:1-2

“Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”

John 10:10

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

1 John 4:4

“...the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

1 Peter 1:8

“Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.”

1 Peter 1:22

“...you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers....”

Real strategies people use when they aren't closing the gap with God:

1. They try harder
2. They pretend
3. They rededicate
4. They switch spiritual venues
5. They simply give up

John 16:12-15

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.”

1 John 2:1-2

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the father in our defense, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

John 14:16-18

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

John 2:20, 27

“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you.”

James 1:5

“If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”