



## Asking For a Friend

### Lesson 2: How far is too far? June 20 & 21

How far is too far?

Christianity isn't about how close we can come to the edge; It's about how close we can get to God

The more you look for God the more you look like God

**Exodus 34:29** Moses didn't realize as he came back down the mountain with the tablets that his face glowed from being in the in the presence of God. *The Living Bible*

**2 Corinthians 3:18** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding **as in a mirror** the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. *New King James Version*

**2 Corinthians 3:18** ...And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him. *The Message Bible*

**1 Peter 1:15** But now **you must be holy** in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. **16** For the Scriptures say, "**You must be holy** because I am holy." *New Living Translation*

**Pure:** to be free of every fault and sin, to be immaculate, to be clean

**Grunge Tolerance**

**Purity is having a low Grunge Tolerance towards sin**

**Isaiah 55:8** "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my

ways **are far beyond** anything you could imagine. *New Living Translation*

**Isaiah 55:9** For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are **higher than your ways** and my thoughts **higher than your thoughts**. *New Living Translation*

**Romans 12:2** Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, **fix your attention on God**. You'll be **changed from the inside out**. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, **God brings the best out of you**, develops well-formed maturity in you. *Message Bible*

### How to move closer to God

- Read your Bible as often as possible
- Put yourself in the atmosphere of worship as often as possible
- Come to church as often as possible

**Romans 6:6** Your old evil desires were nailed to the cross with him; **that part of you that loves to sin was crushed and fatally wounded**, so that your sin-loving body is **no longer under sin's control**, no longer needs to be a slave to sin; *The Living Bible*

**Romans 6:10** When Jesus died, **he took sin down with him**, but alive he **brings God down to us**. *The Message Bible*

**Romans 6:11** From now on, think of it this way: **Sin speaks a dead language** that means nothing to you; **God speaks your mother tongue**, and you hang on every word. **You are dead to sin and alive to God**. That's what Jesus did. *The Message Bible*