

## **DRAW ME NEARER**

March 14, 2021 Hebrews 10:19-24, James 4:6-10

Is this your prayer, **“Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord...?”** In 1875 Fanny Crosby and her friend Dr. William Doane wrote this song after talking together about the nearness of God after “seeing” a beautiful sunset. James 4:8 says, **“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.”**

**If you know Jesus, what will it take for you to grow and draw closer to Jesus?**

**1. Draw nearer to Jesus by faith – Hebrews 10:22 “But I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to Thee.”**

- Without faith it is impossible to please God. Heb. 11:6 “Trust me.”
- Do you hear God speaking to you? “I have heard Thy voice and it told Thy love to me.”
- How does God speak to us? Through His word. Romans 10:17

**2. Draw me nearer to Jesus by “the power of grace divine”**

- Amazing grace. Ephesians 2:8-9
- Grace leads to gratitude and service. Gratitude motivates your service.
- But without hope you will find it hard to hang in there. “Steadfast hope.”

**3. Draw me nearer to Jesus through prayer**

- “Oh, the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend.”
- “When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend.” Why is it good to kneel in prayer? James 4:6-7 Think of Daniel.

**4. Draw me nearer to Jesus as you never lose sight of heaven**

- God’s word tells us that the best is yet to come. 1 Cor. 2:9, Phil. 1:21-23
- Reflect on the joy of heaven. I Peter 1:3-4
- What would Jesus do?