



CLOSER

Part 1: "Keep a Safe Distance"

December 2, 2018

Pastor Chris Jung

"Listen! A virgin will be pregnant, she will give birth to a Son, and he will be known as 'Emmanuel,' which means in Hebrew, 'God became one of us.'"

Matthew 1:23 (TPT)

MY URGE TO KEEP A "SAFE" DISTANCE FROM GOD COMES FROM...

1. ...MY FEAR OF WHAT I MIGHT SEE

"So God created human beings in his own likeness. He created them to be like himself. He created them as male and female."

Genesis 1:27 (NIRV)

2. ...MY FEAR OF WHAT HE WILL SEE

1.

“God, I invite your searching gaze into my heart. Examine me through and through; find out everything that may be hidden within me. Put me to the test and sift through all my anxious cares. See if there is any path of pain I’m walking on, and lead me back to your glorious, everlasting ways — the path that brings me back to you.”

Psalm 139:23-24 (TPT)

3. ...MY FEAR OF WHAT HE MIGHT TAKE

“Jesus said to all of his followers, ‘If you truly desire to be my disciple, you must disown your life completely, embrace my ‘cross’ as your own, and surrender to my ways. For if you choose self-sacrifice, giving up your lives for my glory, you will embark on a discovery of more and more of true life. But if you choose to keep your lives for yourselves, you will lose what you try to keep.”

Luke 9:23-24 (TPT)

4. ...MY FEAR OF HOW I WILL CHANGE

“Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God’s will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.”

Romans 12:2 (TPT)

2.