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**New Message Series:** The Way Up Is Down

**Truth:** “To be near God and to have God near us is the whole purpose of human life.” ~Miller

John 6:37 “*He that comes to me I will never drive away*”

James 4:7-10

## **1. We Can ALL Enjoy Closeness To God**

### **Two Problems:**

1) Many “Christians” skim the surface only and avoid repentance.

Isaiah 57:15

Proverbs 28:13

⇒ “An unrepentant heart is self-satisfied, proud, and cold: God resists this kind of heart.”

2) Many who truly know Christ are ridden with guilt but don’t go to God.

Luke 7:47

Romans 5:17

Romans 6:4, 7

## **2. Your Life Can Be God-Filled**

**Hold Onto:** Our loving Savior cannot resist the broken, humbled heart that has experienced true repentance. He will not, He cannot stay distant from His repentant children.

Revelation 3:15-20

**MAJOR STEP:** We must continually, actively keep our eyes on the Risen Savior — looking to Him who intercedes to the Father for us.

Romans 8:26, 34

Hebrews 7:25

### **Three Gifts We Receive:**

1) **Hope**

Romans 15:13

Hebrews 6:19

2) **Joy**

John 16:24

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, 20

3) **Peace**

1 Thessalonians 5:13-24

John 16:33