

LAUNCH LESSONS

LESSON 3 – TO GET BETTER, GET CLOSER

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➤ REASSURANCES FROM GOD FOR PETER AND US

- I _____ for you – God loves me the way I am!

Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (TPT)

- I am _____ you. – God wants a relationship with me.

In His kindness God called you to share in His eternal glory by means of Christ Jesus... 1 Peter 5:10 (NLT)

- I have a _____ for you – God wants to use me.

But you are the ones chosen by God, chosen for the high calling of priestly work, chosen to be a holy people, God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you—1 Peter 2:9 (MP)

- I will _____ you – God loves me too much to leave me the way I am.

And then, after your brief suffering, the God of all loving grace, who has called you to share in his eternal glory in Christ, will personally and powerfully restore you and make you stronger than ever. Yes, he will set you firmly in place and build you up. 1 Peter 5:10 (TPT)

➤ HOW TO GET C. L. O. S. E. SO I CAN GET BETTER. I ...

C _____ **my** _____.

When Simon Peter saw what had happened, he fell on his knees before Jesus and said, "Go away from me, Lord! I am a sinful man!" Luke 5:8b (GNB)

If we say we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. ⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. 1 John 1:8,9 (NLT)

You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you. Proverbs 28:13 (GNB)

Note: It is not my sinfulness that stops me, it's my _____.

...each of you must wrap around yourself the apron of a humble servant. Because: God resists you when you are proud but multiplies grace and favor when you are humble.- 1 Peter 5:5b (TPT)

L_____ of anything that holds me back.

They pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

Luke 5:11 (NIV)

*So let us throw off everything that stands in our way. Let us throw off any sin that holds on to us so tightly. Let us keep on running the race marked out for us **Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)***

O_____ Christ's Commands.

*Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." **Luke 5:5 (NIV)***

*Jesus said to them, "Come follow me, and I will make you fish for people."¹⁸ So Simon and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed him. **Mark 1:17 (NCV)***

- I can't stay _____ to Christ without _____ Christ.

S_____ to devoted follows of Christ.

*So they... left everything and followed him. **Luke 5:11 (NIV)***

*So brothers and sisters, be careful that none of you has an evil, unbelieving heart that will turn you away from the living God.¹³ But encourage each other every day while it is "today." Help each other so none of you will become hardened because sin has tricked you. **Hebrews 3:12 (NCV)***

Expect and Embrace life's difficulties.

*Dear friends, don't be bewildered or surprised when you go through the fiery trials ahead, for this is no strange, unusual thing that is going to happen to you.¹³ Instead, be really glad—because these trials will make you partners with Christ...and afterwards you will have the wonderful joy of sharing his glory. **1 Peter 4:12 (CEV)***

*On that day you will be glad, even if you have to go through many hard trials for a while.⁷ Your faith will be like gold that has been tested in a fire. And these trials will prove that your faith is worth much more than gold that can be destroyed. **1 Peter 1:6 (CEV)***