

Title: The New Covenant – Part 4: Draw Near

Text: Hebrews 10:19–39

Main Point: Jesus made a way. So don't stay far from God—draw near!

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INTRODUCTION (2 minutes)

Have you ever been invited into a place you never thought you could go? Maybe backstage at a concert. Maybe into the boss's office. Maybe someone you admired said, "Come in. You belong here." That's what Jesus has done for us with God.

Hebrews 10 tells us: Jesus made a way. So don't stay far from God—draw near! Let's break down how we do that.

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1. We draw near by trusting what Jesus did (Hebrews 10:19–21) – (3 minutes)

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus..."

Let's not skip past that word: **confidence**. We don't come scared or ashamed. We come confident—not in ourselves, but in Jesus.

He paid the price. He tore the curtain in the temple—the thing that symbolized separation from God. And when it ripped, it was like Jesus saying, "**Come close.**"

Not: "Try harder."

Not: "Clean up first."

Just: "Come."

? You don't have to be perfect to draw near. You just have to trust what Jesus already did.

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2. We draw near by being real with God (Hebrews 10:22) – (4 minutes)

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart..."

God doesn't want fake. He wants **real**.

Too often we act like we're spiritual on the outside but a mess on the inside.

Illustration:

You ever cleaned your room by shoving stuff under the bed because someone was coming over?

Looks clean... but it's not.

We do that with God—try to hide the mess. But He already knows what's under the bed.

God says: Don't hide. Be honest. Bring the mess to Me.

Real relationship with God starts when you stop pretending.

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3. We draw near by holding on to hope (Hebrews 10:23) – (3 minutes)

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

Life will try to shake your faith. But **God is faithful**.

The hope we have isn't wishful thinking—it's anchored in a God who keeps promises.

You may be tired. You may be praying and not seeing answers. But hold on. He is not done.

? You draw near to God not just in the easy moments, but when everything in you wants to walk away. **That's faith.**

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4. We draw near by doing life with others (Hebrews 10:24–25) – (4 minutes)

"Let us not give up meeting together... but encouraging one another..."

Christianity was never meant to be a solo sport.

You need people. You need a church. You need people who check in on you, pray with you, challenge you, celebrate with you.

Illustration:

Ever tried working out by yourself? You stop early. But when someone's there—encouraging you, pushing you—you go harder and longer.

That's what Christian community is like. It's not about perfect people—it's about people who won't let you quit.

? Drawing near to God includes drawing near to His people.

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5. We draw near by taking sin seriously (Hebrews 10:26–31) – (4 minutes)

"If we deliberately keep on sinning..."

Let's be honest. Grace is amazing—but it's not cheap.

Some people treat God's grace like a get-out-of-jail-free card. But this passage is a warning: If Jesus died for your sin, **don't live in it.**

God is patient. But He's also holy.
Drawing near to God means we don't play with sin. We confess it. We run from it. We ask for His power to change.

? Grace doesn't excuse sin—it **empowers you to fight it.**

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6. We draw near by remembering what God's already done (Hebrews 10:32–34) – (3 minutes)

“Remember those earlier days after you had received the light...”

You've come through things before. You've seen God move.
That same God is with you now.

Maybe you've been through trials. Maybe you've been mocked for your faith. But you made it. Don't forget that.

Memory fuels perseverance.

? When you feel distant from God, look back. See His fingerprints. Let it build your confidence to trust Him again.

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7. We draw near by not giving up (Hebrews 10:35–39) – (4 minutes)

“So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded.”

This is not the time to quit. Don't back off now.
You're closer than you think. The finish line is near.

Illustration:

Imagine running a race. You're exhausted. Legs burning. You want to quit.
But then—you see the finish line. You hear the crowd. And something inside you says: Keep going.
That's what faith feels like. It's not always easy. But Jesus is worth it.

? Stay with Him. Don't shrink back. Lean in. He sees you. He's coming soon.

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WRAP-UP / CALL TO RESPOND (3–4 minutes)

Let's bring it all home:

God's not far. He's right here.

Jesus opened the way. So why stay at a distance? **Draw near.**

Not just with your cleaned-up Sunday version.
But with your doubts.
Your sin.
Your fears.
Your faith.
Your whole heart.

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Closing Challenge:

- If you've been staying far from God—come close.
- If you've been pretending—get real.
- If you've been drifting—grab hope.
- If you've been isolating—get around people.
- If you've been playing with sin—repent and receive grace.
- If you've been forgetting—remember what He's done.
- And if you're tired—**don't give up.**

Because **Jesus made a way. So don't stay far. Draw near.**