



**Stay Close to the Lord**  
**Doug Addison [Episode 286]**  
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Hey everybody, Doug Addison here. *Spirit Connection* podcast for May 24th, 2023. And this is a special time. We're pressing in right now. And I want to continue with the theme that I've been working through this month on praying and decreeing the Bible verses and praising and worshipping the Lord.

So, this week's episode is titled "*Stay Close to the Lord.*" You can go to my website, [DougAddison.com](http://DougAddison.com) for more information about our ministry.

So, let's just jump right in.

Oh, true Lord God, the true Jesus, we thank You for Your goodness. We thank You that You're drawing us close right now. This is a season of growing closer to You, of praying, using the scriptures, praise and joy, in the name of the true Jesus. Amen.

Well, this week, again, I've been doing this—, I want to give you three more very powerful Scriptures that will bring you closer to the Lord and get you ready for what's just ahead. You know, I've been doing these for this month, but there just seems to be a theme coming out of this ... singing and praising the Lord. But this week is a different verse. It's Psalm 66:1–3, "Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praises glorious. And say to God, 'How awesome are your deeds?'"

This is a time right now, as we take time to sing, worship the Lord and sing in the Spirit and use the joy, you know, shouts for joy ... we will indeed draw closer to the Lord right now. This is a special anointing from the Lord. There's a new power. There's a power in worshiping, praising and joy. And this will continue to increase and especially as we press in and not give up.

You know, it will also help us if we can recount the good things that the Lord has done for us. That's part of that verse ... is recounting those things. And it's important right now to stay encouraged and encourage other people.

You know, if you stay in this place of prayer, reading the Bible, worshiping the Lord ... and the joy of the Lord is your strength. The joy of the Lord is your strength. The joy of the Lord is your strength!

You know, ask the Lord for grace. Psalm 67:1–3, “May God be gracious to us, bless us, and make his face to shine upon us—so that your ways may be known on the earth, and your salvation among the nations.” Verse 3, I love this one, “But may the peoples praise you, God; and may [all] the peoples praise you.” This is part of what's going on right now as—, we can ask the Lord for grace and mercy, and His face will shine upon us.

He's renewing promises right now to us. He's bringing us into a deeper healing time. You know, it will help if we can join with others in this—praising and worshiping and prayer. By yourself is great but join with others as much as you can. Agreeing in prayer with others will open things up more quickly.

So, ask the Lord to bless you, to bless us specifically in the areas that we need that we might have. And I'm going to give you some instructions a little bit later in the episode—

how to do that. And praise the Lord for His awesome love, protection, blessings and peace.

And another thing right now, I just really love this verse that Jesus said from John 15:9 is to stay in the place of love. Stay in the place of love. John 15:9, Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Now remain in my love." You know, love is the most important aspect of our spiritual life. Jesus said, "I love you." The Father loves you. The Lord will never leave or forsake you. The Word says it. The Bible says this. And we need to remain confident and in hope and remain in His love.

You know, as we continue to build our foundation on love, the love of God, the love of Jesus will be able to withstand any storm that comes against us. And I want to encourage you right now, do not give up. Stay in hope, stay at peace, and stay in the place of prayer, praise and joy and remain in the Lord's love, the love of Jesus. In Jesus name. I want to do this prayer right now.

True Lord God, we ask right now that You would bring us closer to You. We pray right now that You would increase our ability to worship in the Spirit, to praise Your holy name. [Oh, my goodness. Yeah. There's such a power that's flowing right now.] True Lord, we ask that You would bless us, protect us, make Your face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us. And we pray that You would also remind us of Your great promises, that You would open up Bible verses that we need. And we ask You now: bring us into a place of Your power, peace, joy, love and hope. In the name of the true Jesus. Amen.

Well, you know, each week I've been doing this ... and this part here, don't let it be wallpaper, because this is what brings it all home. It's new every morning. The Word of

God is new every day. So, this is new right now, even though I'm going to be doing the same type of prayer.

But I want you to know that the Lord is going to make this something really powerful in your life, and it's how to get a breakthrough. You know, I've been teaching this every week now for a while, and I'm going to walk you through the process that I use. You got to find some Bible verses. I give you a lot of them here. Look up some Bible verses that you need. Pray them in, sing them in, agree with others. Then, let it read you. Go through some deep repentance, you know. You know, anything you might have "in common" that is stopping the Lord from moving us forward, from blessing us.

So, it's important as well ... not only to stay in this place of, you know, repentance, you got to add worship, fun and joy to this.

And so, think about this right now. Let's agree together for some of your needs. What do you need specifically? You know, we need finances. We need a financial breakthrough, but we just keep pressing into the true Jesus.

So, here's what you do. You can remove any strongholds, gridlock, jam-ups, delays. We're experiencing those.

So, true Jesus, I and we repent, renounce and we break anything that we might have "in common," including generational—sin, soul ties ... all the way back, curses, anything that we may have done, knowingly or unknowingly. Maybe there's something that we've come into agreement with we don't know. And so, we just pray that it would be broken off and anything that's holding us back ...

And also, forgiveness is huge, so we need to forgive. The spirit of unforgiveness can block things. And the thing about forgiveness is you don't have to agree with the people, or person or groups that you're forgiving. And sometimes it's a process. You know, you don't necessarily have to contact them. You might need help with this, but it's good to forgive. So right now, I just want to do this—lead this prayer for myself and for us, you know, overall.

Just—, true Lord God, I ask forgiveness. We ask forgiveness if we've done anything ... If I've done anything, that's hurt anybody. Maybe I've come into agreement with anything, knowingly or unknowingly, against this message or against—, that would stop us from getting the breakthrough or breaking out of the old season and into the new. I also ask forgiveness for any misuse of anything: spiritual gifts, anything that may have—, you know, finances, any and all things, known or unknown. I ask forgiveness right now. Reveal and heal. True Lord, we ask You to flush things out, seen or unseen. Send them to where the true Jesus sends you. Go to where the true Jesus sends you. Go to where the true Jesus sends you, in the name of the true Jesus. Amen.

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And as well, we're going to continue with the [Breakthrough Prayer Kit](#). It's about four hours of video and it's designed to help you connect with God. Also, about how to pray and do some things. Right now, prayer is a big thing. You can go to [DougAddison.com/PrayerKit](https://DougAddison.com/PrayerKit) and I think this offer's expiring soon, but our team's keeping it up there for a little bit, I think.

But, [DougAddison.com/PrayerKit](https://DougAddison.com/PrayerKit) and [DougAddison.com/Give](https://DougAddison.com/Give) if you need to give.

All right. God bless you.

We're just so excited for what the Lord is doing. Amen.

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