

50 DAY TRANSFORMED SERIES Part One: "How To Get Closer to God" Pastor David Cannistraci | February 15, 2015

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2

If you want to change your life you have to change your _____.

The closer we get to God, the more our life is

Reading: Luke 15:11-24

HOW TO GET CLOSER TO GOD

1. Iget ______ up with my life. (Luke 15:13-14, 17)

"When you get serious about finding me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed. I'll turn things around for you..." Jeremiah 29:13 (MSG)

Your pain and loss are trying to redirect your .

2. *I*_____ *up to my sin.* (Luke 15:17-18)

"Your sins have separated you from your God, and have hidden his face from you..." Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

You are as close to God as you ______ to be.

"But if we OWN UP TO OUR SINS, God shows that He is faithful and just by forgiving us of our sins and purifying us from the pollution of all the bad things we have done." 1 John 1:9 (TVT)

<u>Closer</u> (Cont'd)

If you have blown it, ______ it!

3. *I*_____ *up my self.* (Luke 15:12, 19)

"Because God is merciful to you, OFFER yourselves as living sacrifices... BE TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

God can change your life and make it

4. I_____ up my song. (Luke 15:20-24)

"Sing to God, sing praises to his name; LIFT UP A SONG to him...his name is the Lord!" Psalm 68:4 (ESV)

"I will sing to the Lord because he has been so good to me!" Psalm 13:6 (NLT)

FATHER GOD, Thank you that when I lose my way, you still love me and welcome me back home. Jesus, thank you for dying on a cross for me. Forgive me for putting other things ahead of you. Today I offer myself totally to you. Make me what you want me to be. In Christ's Name, AMEN



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