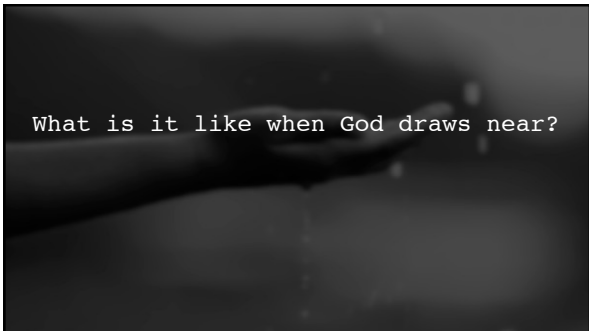


Hosea 6: 1-3  
"Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us; he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence. Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

King David:  
My soul is downcast within me;  
therefore I will remember you  
from the land of the Jordan,  
the heights of Hermon —from Mount Mizar.  
Deep calls to deep  
in the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your waves and breakers  
have swept over me. (Psalm 42:6,7)

Jeremiah 29:13-14  
"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord  
  
James 4:8  
'Come near to God and he will come near to you.'

There are times when God comes near and times where He pulls back. He is always with us, but He seeks to help us to engage with Him in the right way through a process of invitation and challenge.



**Fire** (Acts 2:3) 'They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.'

**Water** (John 7:38) "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

**Oil** (James 5:14) 'Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord...'

Fear of God and hunger for Him  
Conviction and confession of sin  
Increased holiness



New zeal / passion and vision  
Increased prayer and worship  
Increased perseverance



Physical and emotional healing  
Relationships made whole  
People knowing the joy of God



A Watershed time...



James 1:14,15 '...each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.'

James 4:7-10 'Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.'

Closer  
God is drawing near



*Will you draw near to Him?*