

"God's Social Distancing" Terms & Conditions Series Pastor Jason 9.6.20

God's big idea: God WANTS you to WANT to get CLOSER.

"Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <u>Come near to God and he will come near to you</u>. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up." —James 4:7-10

God initiated a relationship by CREATING YOU.

Your greatest need is to KNOW GOD as YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER!

The greatest risk God ever took was giving you **FREE WILL**.

You CAN'T STOP God from LOVING YOU.

God's social distance: God gives you **<u>SPACE</u>** until you're **<u>READY</u>** to **<u>CLOSE THE GAP</u>**.

What do you have to **DO** to get what you **NEED**?

- **SUBMIT** to **GOD**
- **RESIST EVIL** at the **SOURCE**
- Move TOWARD the RELATIONSHIP
- **GRIEVE** and **REPENT**
- HUMBLE yourself

Continue the conversation:

- 1. What's the biggest barrier keeping you from closing the gap with God?
- 2. How would your life be different if you were closer to God?