

DON'T DISTANCE, DRAW NEAR!

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JAMES 4:8 NKJV – (8) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

To stop the spread of coronavirus, health officials have instructed the public to practice social distancing -- staying home, avoiding crowds and refraining from touching one another. Although living like that can be lonely, inconvenient and even frightening, it's for the greater good again, according to health officials. These instructions are for "**SOCIAL DISTANCING**." This does not apply to the Spiritual. A matter of fact, we should be drawing closer to God regardless!

Reviewing the above passage, "Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you." It does not say the opposite. God does not make a deal. It is conditional, but we are required to make the first move.

Another phrase to draw near is to "Submit." To submit to God is to recognize our weakness, to stop fighting and to surrender to Him as our ultimate and final authority. If we had the power to live transformed lives on our own, we wouldn't need "Greater grace." To draw near to God is to worship Him by coming into His presence with prayer, praise, and obedience.

However, if we reserve this for Sundays and Wednesdays (Or whatever days we have our midweek services) only, we won't draw near enough!

SCRIPTURE READING

REVELATION 3:11

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What I love most about staying home to self-quarantine is who I share it with.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"