



Summer Stretch // A Perfect Father

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## Recap

What comes to mind when you think about God as your heavenly Father? It's a question of utmost importance. Our view of God shapes our thoughts and impacts how we live. Scripture reveals a beautiful picture of God as our heavenly Father. He's a Father who sent his only Son to save us from our sin so that we might be adopted into his family. He's a Father who sent his Spirit to live in us so that we might call on him as our Father. When you put it all together, there's only one way to describe that kind of Father: *perfect*.

## Scripture

John 3:16

Galatians 4:4-7

Ephesians 1:3-14

Colossians 1:9-14

James 1:17

## Questions

- What thoughts and feelings come to mind when you think about God as your heavenly Father?
- In what ways has your view of God impacted your faith and your life?
- What prevents you from regularly communing with God and what could you do to change that?

## Resources

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