

# BELIEVE

LIVING THE STORY OF THE BIBLE  
TO BECOME LIKE JESUS



**PERSONAL GOD**  
I believe God is involved  
in and cares about  
my daily life.

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Is God a good person?



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The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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# Is God a good person?

God loves the world - John 3:16

God is Love - 1 John 4:8



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## Ephesian 2:1-8

It wasn't so long ago that you were mired in that old stagnant life of sin. You let the world, which doesn't know the first thing about living, tell you how to live. You filled your lungs with polluted unbelief, and then exhaled disobedience. We all did it, all of us doing what we felt like doing, when we felt like doing it, all of us in the same boat. It's a wonder God didn't lose his temper and do away with the whole lot of us. Instead, immense in mercy and with an incredible love, he embraced us. He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ.

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Is there more to learn?

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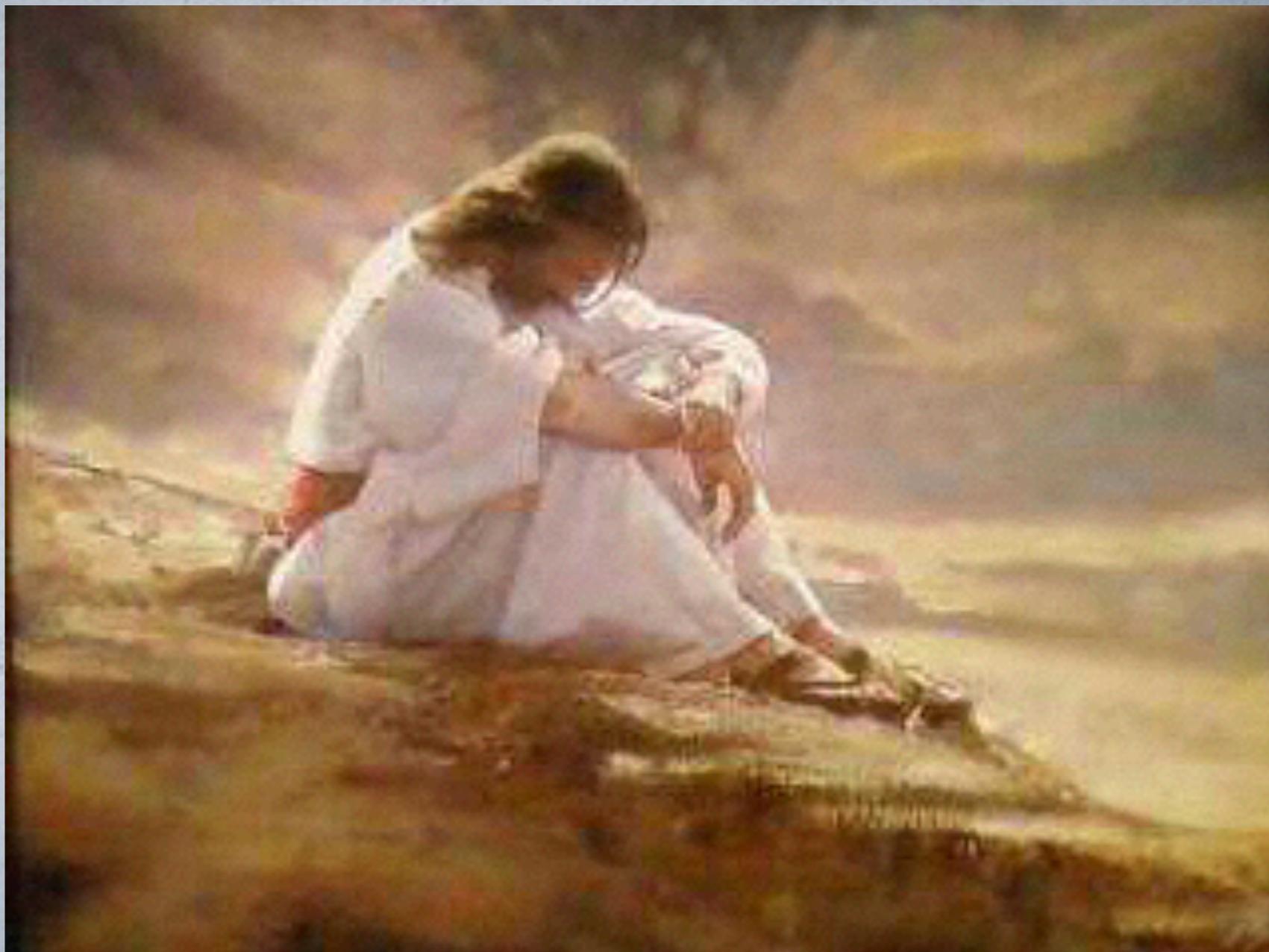


Does God answer us?



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# Jesus' Example



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# Moses and Joshua



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# Peter's Experience



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If God is personal, loves us and wants to meet with us, wouldn't prayer be:

- our greatest desire
- our highest priority
- our most anticipated activity
- the best part of the day



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“We know God is there, but we tend to see him as a means through which we get things to make us happy. For most of us, he has not *become* our happiness. We therefore pray to procure things, not to know him better”

Tim Keller - *Prayer*



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“Prayer is hard.” We shake our heads and say, “It’s not easy,” as if to say God isn’t always there, when truth be told, we haven’t stuck around long enough to find out whether he is or not. We knock on the gates of heaven, then scribble a quick note we stick between the rails, and run back to our busy lives. “I guess nobody’s home,” we say.

Linda McCullough Moore “The Book of Not So Common Prayer”



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If God is a maybe, or even just a good idea, then it makes sense to pray a little in the morning and whisper prayers here and there throughout the day. But if God is God, and if the God is interested in being in communion with me, then the only thing that makes even a particle of sense is to pursue him 24/7, to drop everything to enjoy that sweet, delicious honour

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“I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

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“Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.

Matthew 6:6

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“The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They’re full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don’t fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Matthew 6:6-9

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‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as  
it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our  
debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us  
from the evil one.’

Matthew 6:9-13

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# Our Father

Hear our prayer

We are Your children

And we've gathered here today

We've gathered here to pray

Hear our cry

We need Your mercy

And we need Your grace today

Hear us as we pray

Our Father  
Who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Our Father  
Hear us from Heaven  
Forgive our sins we pray

Hear our song  
As it rises to Heaven  
May Your glory fill the earth  
As the waters cover the sea  
See our hearts  
And remove anything  
That is standing in the way  
Of coming to You today

Our Father  
Who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Our Father  
Hear us from Heaven  
Forgive our sins we pray

Though we are few  
We're surrounded by many  
Who have crossed that river before  
And this is the song  
We'll be singing forever

Holy is the Lord holy is the Lord  
(repeat)

Hear our prayer  
We are Your children  
And we've gathered here today  
We've gathered here to pray  
Hear our cry (O Lord)  
We need Your mercy  
And we need Your grace today  
Hear us as we pray

Our Father  
Who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Our Father  
Hear us from Heaven  
Forgive our sins we pray

Our Father  
Who art in Heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Our Father  
Hear us from Heaven  
Forgive our sins we pray  
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