

WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

THE BIBLE IS FULL OF STORIES OF GOD'S GREAT POWER, HIS WONDERFUL LOVE, AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO US FOR LIVING A HAPPY LIFE. BUT HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT GOD IS ACTUALLY LIKE? IS HE AWESOME AND FIERCE? IS HE FUNNY AND KINDHEARTED? HOW CAN WE KNOW WHAT GOD IS LIKE?

THAT MIGHT SEEM LIKE A PRETTY BIG QUESTION, BUT THE ANSWER IS VERY SIMPLE. THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT "GOD IS LOVE."



THINK ABOUT WHAT LOVE MEANS TO YOU. THE BIBLE DESCRIBES LOVE AS PATIENT AND KIND.² IT GOES ON TO SAY THAT "LOVE IS NOT JEALOUS OR BOASTFUL OR PROUD OR RUDE. IT DOES NOT DEMAND ITS OWN WAY. IT IS NOT IRRITABLE, AND IT KEEPS NO RECORD OF BEING WRONGED. ... LOVE NEVER GIVES UP, NEVER LOSES FAITH, IS ALWAYS HOPEFUL, AND ENDURES THROUGH EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE."³

IF YOU THINK OF ALL OF THOSE EXAMPLES OF LOVE, YOU GET AN IDEA OF WHAT GOD IS LIKE, BECAUSE YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN LOVE MANIFESTED IN HUMILITY, KINDNESS, FRIENDSHIP, AND FORGIVENESS.



² 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4
³ 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-5,7 NLT

LOVE CAN BE SHOWN IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS. IT'S THE COMFORTING WORDS YOUR MOTHER SPEAKS TO YOU WHEN YOU ARE SAD, YOUR DAD'S BEAR HUG WHEN HE RETURNS HOME FROM WORK, YOUR GRANDMA'S GENTLE VOICE AS SHE READS YOU A STORY. IT'S YOUR SISTER OFFERING YOU A COOKIE, OR A FRIEND INVITING YOU TO JOIN IN ON A GAME. LOVE IS ALL AROUND YOU!



WHEN YOU EXPERIENCE LOVE, YOU ARE EXPERIENCING A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT GOD IS LIKE. AND WHEN YOU SHOW LOVE AND KINDNESS TO ANOTHER, YOU ARE LETTING A TOUCH OF GOD'S LOVE AND POWER WORK THROUGH YOU. YOU ARE BEING A REFLECTION OF GOD.

SO THE NEXT TIME YOU WONDER WHAT GOD IS LIKE, REMEMBER THAT GOD IS LOVE. BY SHOWING LOVE AND KINDNESS, YOU CAN BE AN EXAMPLE OF GOD TO OTHERS TOO.

