

Unpacking Part 5: *"Knowing the God of the Uppercase 'G'"*

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"You shall have no other <u>gods</u> before Me." **Exodus 20:3** (AMP)

"You can be sure of this: The Kingdom of Christ and of God will never belong to anyone who is impure or greedy, for a greedy person is really an <u>idol worshiper</u>—he loves and worships the good <u>things of this life</u> <u>more than God</u>."

Ephesians 5:5 (TLB)

I WON'T EVER TRULY KNOW GOD, UNTIL I UNPACK THE IDOLS I CARRY BY...

1. ..._____ FOR THE GOD OF _____.

"And you yourself must be an <u>example to them</u> by doing good works of every kind. Let everything you do <u>reflect the integrity and</u> <u>seriousness</u> of your teaching. Teach the truth so that your teaching <u>can't be criticized</u>. Then those who oppose us will be ashamed and <u>have nothing bad to say about us</u>." **Titus 2:7-8** (NLT) "And this is the way to have eternal life—by <u>knowing you</u>, the only <u>true God</u>, and <u>Jesus</u> <u>Christ</u>, the one you sent to earth!"

John 17:3 (TLB)

"Without faith no one can please God. Anyone who comes to God must believe that he is real and that <u>he rewards those who truly want to</u> <u>find him</u>."

Hebrews 11:6 (NCV)

2. ..._____ GOD INTO MY ______.

> "But the time is coming when the true worshipers will worship the Father <u>in spirit and</u> <u>truth</u>. In fact, that time is now here. And these are the kind of people the Father wants to be his worshipers. <u>God is spirit</u>. So the <u>people</u> <u>who worship him</u> <u>must worship in spirit and</u> <u>truth</u>."

John 4:23-24 (ERV)

3. ..._____ GOD INTO ______ THAN HE IS.

"Then they all took Jesus to Pilate and began to bring up charges against him. They said, 'We found this man <u>undermining our law</u> and <u>order</u>, <u>forbidding taxes</u> to be paid to Caesar, <u>setting himself up as Messiah-King</u>.' Pilate asked him, 'Is this true that you're 'King of the Jews'?' 'Those are <u>your words</u>, not mine,' Jesus replied. Pilate told the high priests and the accompanying crowd, '<u>I find nothing wrong</u> <u>here</u>. He seems harmless enough to me.' But <u>they were vehement</u>. 'He's <u>stirring up unrest</u> among the people with his teaching, <u>disturbing the peace</u> everywhere, starting in Galilee and now all through Judea. He's a <u>dangerous man</u>, <u>endangering</u> <u>the peace</u>.'"

Luke 23:1-5 (MSG)

4. ..._____ GOD TO ______ HE IS.

He's more invested in

__ than I am

"My commandment to you is this: love others as I have loved you. There is <u>no greater way to</u> <u>love than to give your life</u> for your friends. You celebrate our friendship if you obey this command. I don't call you servants any longer; servants don't know what the master is doing, but <u>I have told you everything</u> the Father has said to Me. <u>I call you friends</u>."

John 15:12-15 (TVB)

"O Lord, you have examined my heart and <u>know everything about me</u>. You know <u>when I</u> <u>sit or stand</u>. When far away you know my <u>every</u> <u>thought</u>. You <u>chart the path ahead of me</u> and <u>tell me</u> where to stop and rest. Every moment you <u>know where I am</u>. You know <u>what I am</u> <u>going to say</u> before I even say it. You both <u>precede and follow me</u> and place your hand of blessing on my head. This is too glorious, too wonderful to believe!"

Psalm 139:1-6 (TLB)

He's more committed to saving
than I am

"A shepherd in charge of 100 sheep notices that one of his sheep has gone astray. What do you think he should do? Should the shepherd leave the flock on the hills unguarded to search for the lost sheep? God's shepherd <u>goes to</u> <u>look for that one lost sheep</u>, and when he finds her, <u>he is happier about her return</u> than he is about the 99 who stayed put." **Matthew 18:12-13** (TVB)

"The Son of Man came to look for and to save people who are lost."

Luke 19:10 (CEV)

• He is more _____ by injustice, neglect and abuse than I am

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty and not help you? When did we see you as a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison and not help you?' He will reply, 'What I'm about to tell you is true. <u>Anything you didn't do for one of the least</u> <u>important of these, you didn't do for me</u>.' Then they will go away to be <u>punished</u> forever. But those who have done what is right will receive eternal life.""

Matthew 25:44-46 (NIRV)

____ GOD INTO MY _____ POCKET.

5. ...____

"A wild storm came up. Waves crashed over the boat. It was about to sink. Jesus was in the back, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him up. They said, <u>'Teacher! Don't you</u> <u>care if we drown?'</u> He got up and ordered the wind to stop. He said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be still!' Then the wind died down. And it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, <u>'Why</u> <u>are you so afraid?</u> Don't you have any faith at all yet?'"

Mark 4:37-40 (NIRV)