

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT YOU

PART 5: FAITHFULNESS

INTRODUCTION

The most essential part of who you are is what you think about God. Your perceptions affect your relationships. Your perceptions about God...what you think about God...dictate the level of trust and intimacy you experience with God. This series will help clarify your perception of God.

KEY QUOTE

"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

--A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

KEY SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 29:13

2 Corinthians 12:7-9

Lamentations 3:22-23

John 19:30

2 Timothy 2:13

1 John 1:9

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Besides God, who or what has proven to be most trustworthy in your life? Has someone or something that you trusted ever let you down?
2. What is causing you to feel anxious right now?
3. Read 2 Timothy 2:13. What is the difference between choosing to do something and being that something because it's who you are? Is God faithful because he chooses to be faithful or because he is faithful? How does this change your perception of who God is?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-8. Where do you feel weak today...Where is your thorn?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9. Pastor Will taught that God's promise is "I'm not going to deliver you *from* this 'thorn'; I'm going to deliver you *through* this 'thorn'!" How have you experienced this promise in your life?
6. Have you ever received a note after paying off a loan with the stamp "PAID IN FULL" across the top? How did that make you feel?
7. Read John 19:30. The phrase "It is finished" in the original Greek literally means "paid in full." Our debt...what we owe as a result of sin...is death (Romans 3:23). Have you accepted God's offer to pay your debt in full?

MOVING FORWARD

Spend 5 minutes every morning reading Lamentation 3:22-23 and meditating on God's faithfulness and new mercies for the day.

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*