**Discipleship Topic #9 God: Good Omnipotent Dad Ps 103 4/28/2019**

Our heavenly Father is: **F**aithful; **A**ll-mighty; **T**ruth; **H**oly; **E**ternal; a **R**edeemer

**1. God is Faithful:**

15 As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. 16 When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, And its place acknowledges it no longer. 17 But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from **everlasting to everlasting** on those who fear Him, And His righteousness to **children’s children**, 18 To those who keep **His covenant** And remember His precepts to do them.

Four Covenants:

1. Abrahamic—Gal 3“In you all the nations of the world will be blessed.”
2. The Davidic: “And your house and your kingdom house shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever. “

2 Samuel 7:17

1. The Mosaic : Our inability to obey; Turn to God’s mercy Ga 3:23-25
2. The New Covenant: The Eternal King provides redemption from sin and freedom for the Mosiac covenant--law that condemns us. Heb 9: 13-15
3. How have you seen God’s faithfulness in your life over the years?
4. Why is it hard to believe when a new set of challenges arrive?
5. What can you do to remind yourself of God’s faithfulness?

**2. God is Almighty:**

19 The Lord has established is throne in the heavens, And His **sovereignty rules over all.** 20 Bless the Lord, you His angels**, Mighty in strength**, who perform His word, obeying the voice of His word!

* Elohim: Creator, Mighty, Strong, Infinite—In the beginning God… Gen1:1
* Jehovah(Yahweh): “I Am who I Am” He is intimate, near, Psalm 107:13

1. How does your understanding of God affect your faith?
2. Do you have a too low of view of God’s power? Why?

3. If you could see God face to face, what would you ask Him to do for you?

**3. God is Truth:**

And His righteousness to children’s children, 18 To those who keep His covenant And remember **His precepts** to do them. 19 The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all. 20 Bless the Lord, you His angels, Mighty in strength, who perform who perform **His word**, obeying the voice of **His word**! 21 Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, You who serve Him, doing **His will.**

“Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father, but by me.” John 14:6

* The only one who came from heaven can tell us what it is like and how to get there.
* Truth is not only just logical and observable, but theo-logical—God inspired fact given to us-- what we couldn’t have known unless He had revealed it through His creation, scripture, and Christ.

1. What truth is at the center of your life now? What do you think about a lot and how is it influencing your beliefs, values, and practices?
2. Do you live more under a consumption behavior or a creative one? How do you spend your spare time? Relate. Create. Meditate. Don’t vegetate!
3. In what way can you “take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ?” 2 Cor 10:5
4. What truth is being challenged by our society today and what should our response be?

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**4. God is Holy:**

1 Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his **holy** name. 2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all **his benefits**—3 who f**orgives** all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 who **redeems** your life from the pit and crowns you with **love and compassion**, 5 who satisfies your desires with **good things** so that your youth is **renewed** like the eagle’s. 6 The Lord works **righteousness and justice** for all the oppressed… 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord’s love is with those who **fear** him.. “But just as he who called you is holy, so **be holy** in all you do; for it is written: “**Be holy**, because I am **holy.**” I Peter 1:15, 16

**Definition of Holiness: 1)** Perfect in **goodness** and **2) righteousness**, totally 3**)** **set apart** and **separated from all sin and evil**.

**Goodness:** **Kind and generous desire** to help others to become all they were made to become, **void of all evil.** Prov 3:27—“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act.” James 4:17—“So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.”

**Righteousness:** **Acting according to God’s moral laws**, free from wrong, guilt, or sin. You always **do what is right and just.** I John 2:29 “If you know that he is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of him.” Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be **born of water** and of the **Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.” John 3:5

* Water: Natural birth and cleansing—Ezekial 36:25 “I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.” Spirit—new life only from the Holy Spirit 2 Cor 3:6

**Separation:** “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who **called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."** 1 Peter 2:9

1. **Why do we withhold good and ignore our desire to do the right thing?**
2. **Are you born again? How did you become a Christ—follower? Explain.**
3. **What thoughts, attitudes, or actions do you need to change in your life?**
4. **What temptations (people, things, or places) do you need to avoid or cut yourself off from like the “vine that is strangling the evergreen?” Do it now!**

**5. God is Eternal: (Part 3 to come on 5/19 :)**

17 But from **everlasting to everlasting** the Lord’s love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children—18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. Psalm 103

**6. God is a Redeemer:**

2 Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—3 who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, 4 **who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,** 5 who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’. 6 The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.7 He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: 8 The Lord is **compassionate** and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is **his love** for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. 13 As a father has **compassion** on his children, so the Lord has **compassion** on those who fear him; 14 for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. 15 The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; 16 the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. 17 But from everlasting to everlasting the **Lord’s love** is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children’s children— 18 with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.