Who Is God?

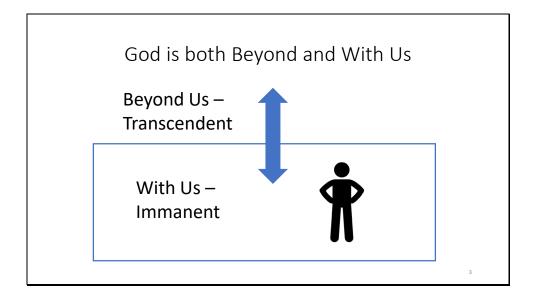
Session 2: God Is With Us

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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture passages are taken from the New International Version (2011), Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

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God Is With Us

1. God Is Personal

- > We can have a relationship with Him.
- ➤ He is not an impersonal force, figure of speech or power of nature.

"I AM"

"Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them? God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.'"

Exodus 3:13-14

"I AM"

"This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' God also said to Moses, 'Say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you." This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.'"

Exodus 3:15

"I AM"

Hebrew: יהוה

English Transliteration: YHWH

English Translations: Yahweh, Jehovah, LORD (all caps)

Found 6748 times in the Old Testament

He Is Always there for us

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the <u>LORD</u> your God goes with you; <u>he will never leave you nor forsake you</u>."

Deuteronomy 31:6; see Hebrews 13:5

He Is Always there for us

"<u>The Lord is with me</u>; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Psalm 118:6

God Is With Us

- 1. God Is Personal
- 2. God Is Love

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, <u>because God is love</u>."

1 John 4:7-8

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <u>This is love</u>: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."

1 John 4:9-10

"For <u>God so loved the world</u> that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:16-17

"No, in all these things we are <u>more than conquerors</u> <u>through him who loved us</u>. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

How does the Bible's Story describe the God who is with Us?

- 1. God Is Personal
- 2. God Is Love

Next Week...

This great God who is <u>beyond</u> us and <u>with</u> us is revealed as <u>Trinity</u>!

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