

YOUR CONVICTIONS ABOUT GOD – PART 1

SERIES: *MAKING IT THROUGH THE STORMS OF LIFE*

²⁰ For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. **Romans 1:20 (NIV)**

➤ **Once you have made your decision about Scripture, you don't have to guess about Who God is.**

¹³ You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.
Jeremiah 29:13 (NASB)

1. THE _____ YOU CAN _____

¹⁶ While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply troubled by all the idols he saw everywhere in the city. **Acts 17:16 (NLT2)**

¹⁷ So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with those who worshiped God and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Then also, some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers argued with him. Some said, "What is this pseudo-intellectual trying to say?" Others replied, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign deities"—because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the Resurrection.
Acts 17:17-18 (HCSB)

²² Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you.
Acts 17:22-23 (NIV)

2. PAUL'S DESCRIPTION OF THE LIVING GOD

- Acts 17:24
- Acts 17:24
- Acts 17:25
- Acts 17:26-27
- Acts 17:28-29

- Acts 17:30

- Acts 17:30-31

3. PAUL ANSWERED THREE CRITICAL QUESTIONS

a) Who is the _____?

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. **Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV)**

⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. ⁶ Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. **Proverbs 3:5-6 (NLT2)**

b) What is _____?

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.
Romans 1:18-20 (ESV)

c) Can I have a _____ with Him? ____!

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6 (ESV)**

¹ See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. **1 John 3:1 (NASB)**

4. TAKING GOD SERIOUSLY

² Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, ³ for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. ⁴ So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete. ⁵ If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it. ⁶ But when you ask him, be sure that you really expect him to tell you, for a doubtful mind will be as unsettled as a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind; ⁷ and every decision you then make will be uncertain, as you turn first this way and then that. If you don't ask with faith, don't expect the Lord to give you any solid answer. **James 1:2-7 (TLB)**