

CORE

WEEK 3 | GOD THE FATHER

SERMON NOTES

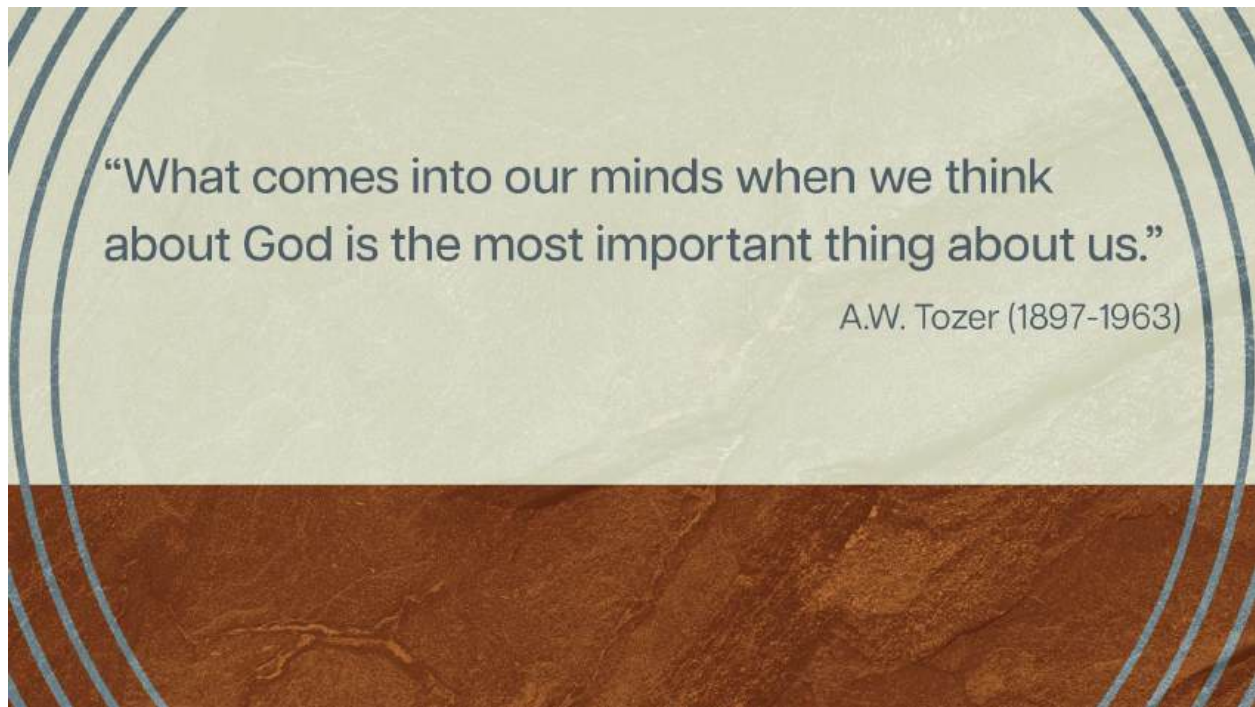
Who is God?



Who among us can know the mind of the Lord? (Romans 11:34)

A god fully understood reveals a god not big enough to be God.

“What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
A.W. Tozer (1897-1963)



Who is God? The Bible calls him Elohim.

Yahweh (God's proper name) occurs 6,828 times in the Old Testament.

"The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin'" (Exodus 34:6-7)

We conform to God, not God to us.

God is the Supreme Being, Creator and Ruler of all, perfect in power, justice, and wisdom.

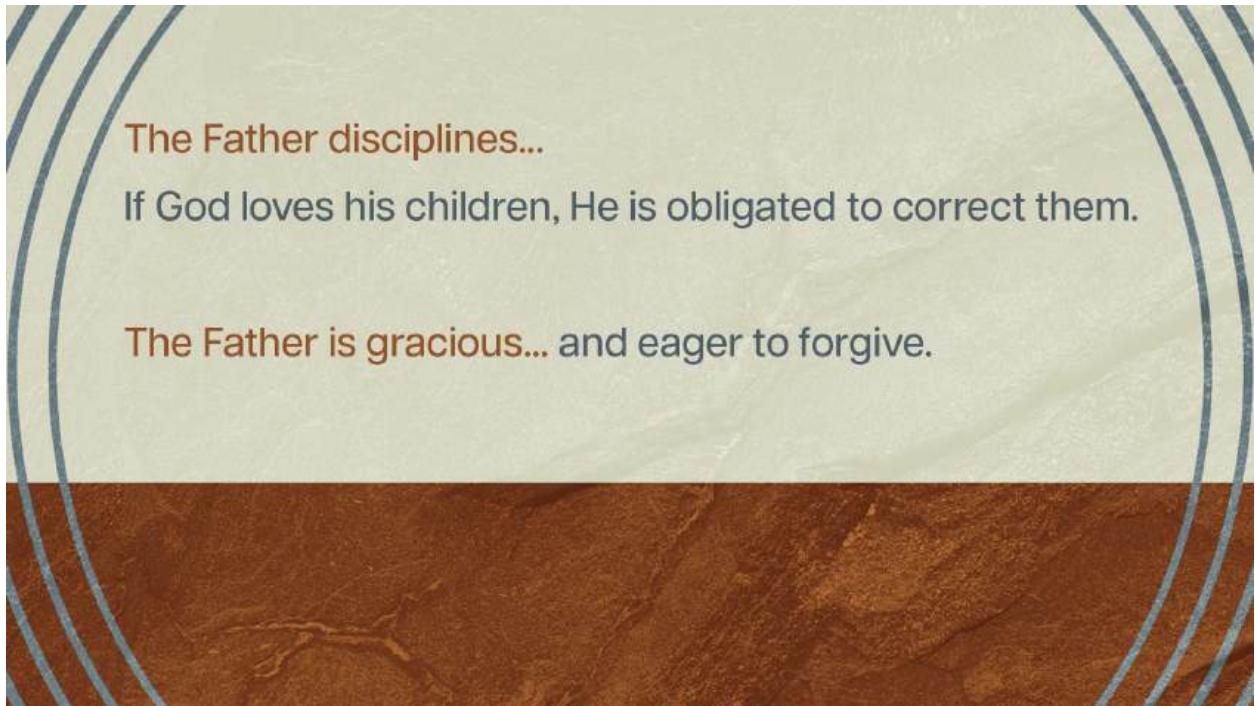
God is our Father

"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6, emphasis added)

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" (Romans 8:15-17)

The Father disciplines...if God loves His children, He is obligated to correct them.

The Father is gracious...and eager to forgive.



Knowing God as Father means trusting His word, welcoming His discipline, giving Him control, and finding confidence as His child.