

The REAL GOD: *Who is REALLY in Control?*

Sermon in a sentence: When our lives feel out of control, God wants us to trust that He is in control.

When life feels out of control—God wants us to:

1. Come to Him in prayer. I Peter 5:7; Psalm 56:8; Psalm 42:3-4; Habakkuk 1:1-3, 13; Job 3:3-4, 26; Mark 14:34-36; Romans 5:12, 8:22; I Peter 5:8
2. Be comforted by the majesty and mystery of His Sovereignty.

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- a. God is the supreme Authority- I Chronicles 29:10-12; Matthew 28:19; Revelation 17:14, 22:3; Revelation 1:8; Colossians 1:16-17
- b. God is All Powerful- Genesis 17:1; Jeremiah 32:27; Luke 1:37; Isaiah 40:28; Ephesians 1:18-20

- c. God is all Knowing- Psalm 139:1-4, 16; Matthew 10:29-30; Psalm 147:4-5; Luke 22:31-32
- d. God is Love - I John 4:7-8; John 3:16; Isaiah 41:10; Psalm 147:3

3. Learn and grow in our trust and acceptance of His divine purposes.
 - a. His ultimate glory- Isaiah 14:27; 46:9-10; Ephesians 1:11; Revelation 21:1-5
 - b. Our ultimate good- Romans 8:28-29, 36-39; I Peter 1:6-8; II Corinthians 1:3-5
 - c. His ultimate triumph over evil- Revelation 20:10, 13-15
4. Allow Him to engage us in a process of transformation. Romans 6:23; Romans 10:9-11; 2 Corinthians 4:7-8, 17-18; Philippians 2:9-11; Revelation 19:4-7

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