



NAMES OF GOD – PART 2: A TRUSTWORTHY FATHER

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WORSHIP

Begin your group with a time of worship. If someone in your group can lead worship, invite them to lead two or three songs. Alternatively, consider using one or more of these songs from our Sunday morning worship time:

- **I Believe** (*Phil Wickham*)
- **God Of Revival** (*Bethel Music*)
- **With Everything** (*Hillsong United*)

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Hebrews 1:1-3
- John 14:8-10
- Psalm 33:16-22

OPENING PRAYER

Begin your session with a prayer, thanking God for His trustworthy nature as our Heavenly Father.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

1. God's names reveal His character, personality, authority, and power.
2. Trusting in our own strength or abilities is ultimately futile; our hope should be in God.
3. God is always present, even when we feel alone.
4. Our Heavenly Father is the perfect model of fatherhood, demonstrating love, protection, and help.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. The sermon mentions five "Bible Points" from VBS. Which of these resonates most with you personally, and why?
 - a. When we **Wonder**, we can trust Jesus
 - b. When we **Feel Alone**, we can trust Jesus
 - c. When we **Feel Powerless**, we can trust Jesus
 - d. When we **Need Hope**, we can trust Jesus
 - e. When we **Need Help**, we can trust Jesus
2. Pastor Brian emphasizes that Jesus is the exact representation of God the Father. How does this truth impact your understanding of God's character?
3. The sermon discusses two common reactions to challenges: trying to fix things ourselves or becoming overwhelmed. Which do you tend towards, and how can trusting in God's names help address this?
4. Reflect on the different names of God mentioned in the sermon: **Yahweh Roi** (*The Lord Is My Shepherd*), **Immanuel** (*God With Us*), **Jehovah-Magen** (*the Lord is my shield, my protector, and provider*), **Jehovah miqweh** (*The Lord is my hope*), **Jehovah Ezer** (*The Lord is my helper*). Which one speaks to you most in your current life situation?
5. How does the story of David and Goliath illustrate trusting in God's character rather than human strength or ability?

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS

1. This week, when facing a challenge, consciously choose to trust God instead of relying solely on your own abilities.
2. Meditate on one of the names of God discussed in the sermon each day. Reflect on how that aspect of God's character applies to your life.
3. For fathers: Identify one way you can better reflect God's character as a father to your children this week.
4. For everyone: Reach out to someone who might be feeling alone or overwhelmed, reminding them of God's presence and trustworthiness.

CLOSING PRAYER

End your session by praying for each other, asking God to deepen your trust in Him and to help you reflect His character in your daily lives.