

BECOMING

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18



LOVE GOD.

Imagine feeling like God didn't like you. Maybe you've felt that way before. Maybe you feel that way now.

It would be hard to love him, right?

You would maybe feel obligated to say you love him. You may sing songs about how much you love him. But would you actually love him?

Good news is: God *is* love. It's in his very identity. He can't not love. His love for us is intense and radical and big and sacrificial and overflowing. Knowing we're loved this way allows us to respond in love back. Good way to start a friendship with Jesus? Let him love you. And love him back.

IN THE BIBLE.

John 3:14-17

14 And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave[b] his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

Psalms 136:1-9, 23-26

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

His faithful love endures forever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods.

His faithful love endures forever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords.

His faithful love endures forever.

4 Give thanks to him who alone does mighty miracles.

His faithful love endures forever.

5 Give thanks to him who made the heavens so skillfully.

His faithful love endures forever.

6 Give thanks to him who placed the earth among the waters.

His faithful love endures forever.

7 Give thanks to him who made the heavenly lights—

His faithful love endures forever.

8 the sun to rule the day,

His faithful love endures forever.

9 and the moon and stars to rule the night.

His faithful love endures forever.

23 He remembered us in our weakness.

His faithful love endures forever.

24 He saved us from our enemies.

His faithful love endures forever.

25 He gives food to every living thing.

His faithful love endures forever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His faithful love endures forever.

QUESTIONS.

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?