

FOREWORD BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

GOD IS

60 DAYS OF LEARNING WHO GOD IS

TO UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE

FOR TEEN GIRLS

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NONE LIKE
HIM

*For this is what the high and exalted One says—
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
“I live in a high and holy place,
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly of spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”*

—ISAIAH 57:15

GOD IS PERFECT

*He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and
all his ways are just. A faithful God who
does no wrong, upright and just is he.*

—DEUTERONOMY 32:4

God is perfect. He is completely whole, right, and just, *always*.

It's hard to wrap our minds around the perfection of God. Maybe it's because perfection is something most of us are continually striving for and always falling short of. As a natural performer and achiever, striving for perfection is like a game to me—a game I've been losing my entire life. Whether it's writing the perfect sentence or recording a flawless video, very rarely am I fully satisfied with my creation. And even when I am satisfied, I am sure my work *still* isn't perfect.

If I can't do normal tasks perfectly, how much greater must my imperfection be before God? The unspeakable thoughts that bounce around in my mind, the way I speak to my sister or the gossip I take part in with my friends—these kinds of things only scratch the surface

of my sin. If I serve a perfect God, how can He possibly love someone as imperfect as me?

Yet He loves me. You too. God loves us so much that He paid the price to overcome our sin—the cost of *our* imperfection.

Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth, lived a perfect, sin-free life, and then paid the price for our imperfection on the cross. His sinlessness makes up for our lack, and because of His love, He covers us with His perfection. Don't get me wrong. After we accept Jesus's perfection, we will still sin. You have probably sinned today. I know I have. Maybe you said or did something you wish you could take back. Maybe you replay the events by thinking, *If only I...* or, *If I just could...*

God is deeply aware of our shortcomings and our brokenness. He calls us to pursue what is right, but He knows we can't obtain perfection *on our own*. It's not possible. He calls us to accept Jesus's perfect sacrifice for our sins, to make Him the King of our lives, and to live lives that honor Him. Then, He sends us His Holy Spirit, who is slowly making us more like God's Son, Jesus.

God lacks flaws. Something about this is such a relief. The God of the universe has got it all together. *Phew*. Rather than making an idol out of perfection and trying

to get it all right, try leaning into the righteousness and perfection of God the Son. He paid the cost so we wouldn't have to. One day, God will make all His people perfect again. Until then, we don't have to be afraid that our imperfections will make us guilty before God.

We have a perfect God. He is more righteous and just than we can ever know. He knows our imperfections, and He still chooses us. Our flaws don't scare Him. Let God's righteousness wash over you, *helping* you embrace Jesus's perfection. Rather than lingering on what you could have done better, thank God that His Son did it best. Rest in Jesus's perfection.

FURTHER READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

- *Is perfectionism something you struggle with? How?*
- *If you are in Christ, His perfection extends to you. How does that change your life?*
- *How does it feel to know that God is perfect?*

BECAUSE GOD IS PERFECT, I CAN TRUST
THAT JESUS HAS COVERED ALL MY SIN.

GOD IS THREE IN ONE

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."*

—MATTHEW 28:19 CSB

God is three in one.

God is Father.

God is Son, Jesus Christ.

God is Holy Spirit.

God doesn't stop being one to be another. He is all three at the same time: our Father, our Savior, and our Advocate. The church calls this the Trinity.

Have you ever noticed how many people we need daily? It didn't take me long to realize that God places different people in our lives for different things. Practically speaking, we don't call our science teacher to help us with English homework. Our parents don't call the pool guy to take care of electrical problems. You and I don't call our friend who's in a hard spot to lightheartedly chat about how fun life is.

The Bible makes it clear that God plays many roles. He *has* many roles. And the beauty of God is that He is not limited. His divinity allows Him to be and to do more than we ever could. God the Father created us. God the Son came to earth and saved us. And God the Holy Spirit guides and sustains us. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct persons, with different roles. The difference between my example and the Trinity is that the Father, Son, and Spirit are all *one* God. The Father is not the Son, the Son is not the Spirit, and the Spirit is not the Father. Jesus is God, but He is not the Father or the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God, but He is not the Son or the Father.

God's three-in-oneness may feel confusing. Remember, as humans, we are limited in our understanding and abilities. Our minds can't comprehend too much at once, let alone fully understand how God is three in one. The God who made you can hold and handle any problem you face and any question you have. Ask Him to help you understand the Trinity as best you can.

After all, God's three-in-oneness (or triunity) makes Him distinct. Our God is unlike any god of any other religion and better than what anyone can conjure up or

imagine. Since the beginning of time, God has been living in love for all of eternity.

Being the Trinity is who God is.

FURTHER READING: GENESIS 1:26

- *Have you heard of God being three in one (triune) before? When?*
- *What changes about your view of God when you believe He is three in one?*
- *What are some questions you have about God being the Trinity?*

BECAUSE GOD IS A TRINITY,
I BELIEVE HE IS UNLIKE ANY OTHER
IDEA OF GOD THAT EXISTS.

GOD IS RIGHTEOUS

“Declare what is to be, present it—let them take counsel together. Who foretold this long ago, who declared it from the distant past? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.”

—ISAIAH 45:21

God is righteous. He is morally right and just all the time—no exceptions.

Have you ever had a friend or acquaintance who thought they were always right? Their pride sucked up the air around them, and very few people wanted to be their friend. Because they thought they were always right, they walked around judging everyone else for what they didn't do perfectly. That is called *self-righteousness*—when someone sees their morality as perfect and their actions as just. Maybe you've been there yourself. I know I have. (Be careful, it's an easy bug to catch.)

This isn't who God is. He is not *self-righteous*. He is *righteousness Himself*.

Morality and justice overflow from God's character. Moral codes, justice, and goodness wouldn't exist without Him.

God is the standard for righteousness, and righteousness is unattainable outside of Him.

God isn't like the self-righteousness we tend to have. He is always right and always just and has every right to flaunt every bit of it. God's righteousness also is humble and meek. (We see this throughout Jesus's life.) When God points out His righteousness and glory, it's not a brag—it's a fact. It's not prideful. It is weighty though. We know what is right *because* of Him.

The best part is that God doesn't keep His righteousness to Himself. He doesn't withhold it or wave His finger in our faces when we fall short of it. Instead, He extended His righteousness to us by sending His only Son to die for us so we could be clothed in His righteousness too. Second Corinthians 5:21 says, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

When we accept Jesus's sacrifice as payment for our sins, God sees us as though we are covered in Jesus's sinlessness. On our own, we are unrighteous, constantly

wrong, and like chickens with our heads cut off, running around trying to prove we are good enough for God! With God, however, we are called righteous. Not because we are, but because *He is*.

FURTHER READING: EPHESIANS 4:24

- *In your own words, what does it mean to be righteous?*
- *If God is the only truly righteous One, what does that mean for us?*
- *Do you live like you're clothed in God's righteousness? Why or why not?*

BECAUSE GOD IS RIGHTEOUS,
I DON'T HAVE TO TRY TO EARN
GOD'S LOVE ON MY OWN.

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