

ON DEMAND
Versions of God – Part 1

ON TV: “I don’t really believe in God.”

ON TV: “I want to believe in God, but I just don’t **feel** him. I tried to read the Bible, but I didn’t **feel** anything. I came to church, but I didn’t **feel** anything.”

ON TV: “I would love to believe in God, but have you **seen** all the horrible things going on in the world?”

ON TV: Why do we even have to **believe** in God?

ON TV: “If this book works as I intend, religious readers who open it, will be atheists when they put it down.”
– Richard Dawkins

ON TV: **NONE**’s

ON TV: It is the **church**’s fault.

ON TV: The people who were **nothing like** Jesus, **liked** Jesus.

ON TV: The local church is called the “**Body of Jesus**”. Which means we should be the **accurate version** of who Jesus is in our culture.

ON TV: The Love Boat and Fantasy Island

ON TV: Happy Days and Laverne and Shirley

ON TV: The Six Million Dollar Man and The Bionic Woman

ON TV: Charlie’s Angels

ON TV: How many of you **binged-watched** a show this week?

ON TV: On-Demand

ON TV: “I prayed about it. God didn’t do it. Therefore, I don’t believe in God. God should do exactly as I want.”

ON TV: On-Demand God is great until On-Demand God doesn’t do what we ask him to do on demand.

ON TV: Where is my **On-Demand** God?

ON TV: On Demand God **does not exist**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: God doesn’t exist to serve us. We exist to **SERVE** Him.

ON TV: **We** are the **number one focus** of His love.

ON TV/OUTLINE: “20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, **they can clearly see his invisible qualities**—his eternal power and divine nature. So, they have not excuse for not knowing God. 21 Yes, they knew God, but they wouldn’t worship him as God or even give him thanks. And **they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like**. As a result, their minds became **dark and confused**. 22 Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. 23 And instead of worshipping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshipped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.” Romans 1:20-23

ON TV: God is the **creator**. We are the **created**.

ON TV: “But then, what’s His **role**. **Who** is He? What does he do exactly, **in my life**?”

ON TV/OUTLINE: We must recognize that God's heart is always **LOVING**.

ON TV: As parents we're trying to develop something **in them** rather than do something **for them**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"35 Who shall separate us from the love of God? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth or anything else in all of creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*
Romans 8:35, 37-39

ON TV: God **doesn't prove** His love when he answers our prayers. God proved His love when He **sent His son**.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"God proved His love for us that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."* Romans 5:8

ON TV/OUTLINE: His ways are **ALWAYS HIGHER** than our ways.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"8 'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways your ways,' declares the Lord. '9 As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.'"* Isaiah 55:8-9

ON TV: We **don't have to understand everything** to trust His heart, His character, His nature, and His goodness.

ON TV: When we can't explain the unexplainable, **we will choose to trust** the undeniable that God loves us and has a plan and purpose for our life.

ON TV/OUTLINE: God's **PRESENCE** is always enough.

ON TV/OUTLINE: *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, because you are with me..."*
Psalm 23:4a

ON TV: In the valleys we begin to understand the **faithfulness of God** and we stop seeing Him for what He can do **for us**, but what He will do **in us**.