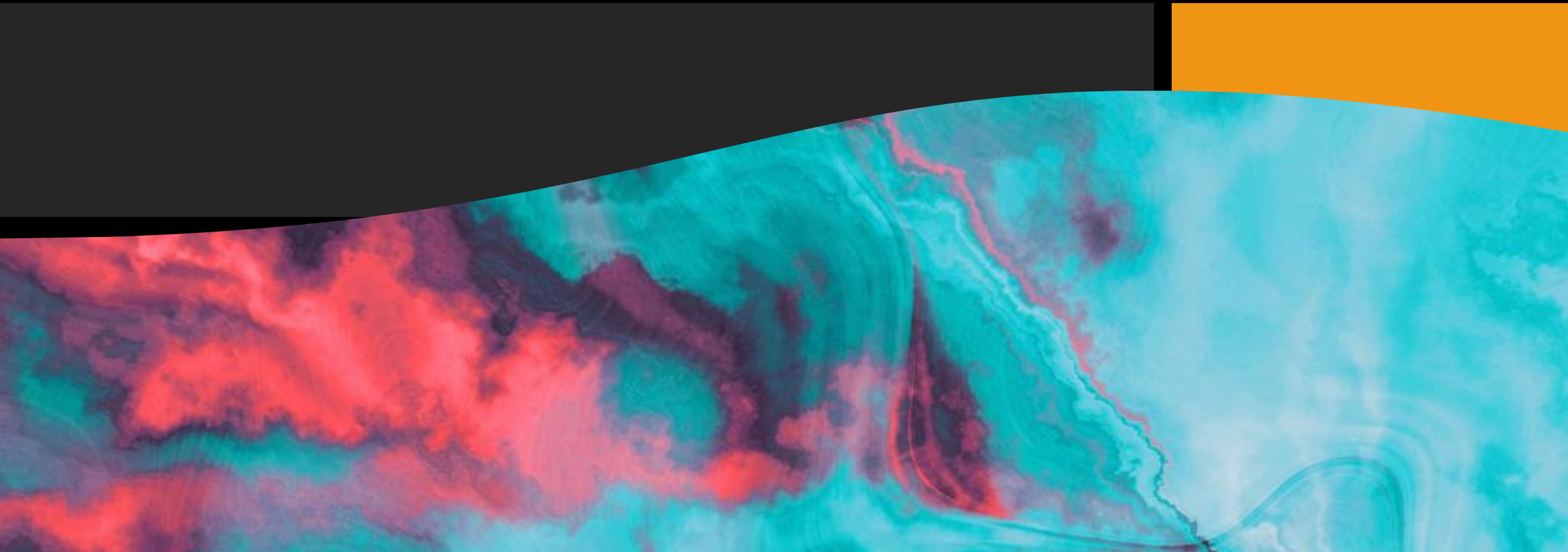


# Christian Caregiving

Experiencing God



Caring for people includes sharing with people about God

## God's Attributes:

Who is God?

- Transcendence Is. 57:15
- Immanence Col. 1:17
- Eternality Ps. 90:2
- Infinity Ps. 103:17
- Omniscience Ps. 139:2.

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## God's Attributes:

Who is God?

- Omnipresence Ps. 139: 7-10
- Omnipotent Jer. 32:17
- Righteous Neh. 9:7-8
- Love John 15:13
- Merciful Romans 5:8

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## God's Attributes:

Who is God?

- Grace Eph. 1:6-7
  - Goodness Ps. 145:9
  - Truth Heb. 11:31
  - Holy Lev. 19:2
    - Is. 6:3

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## The Names of God:

- Jehovah: The Self-Existent One Ex. 3:14
- Adonai: My Lord, My Master Gen. 15:2
- Elohim: Creator, Mighty and Strong Gen. 17:7
- El Shaddai: God Almighty; The Mighty One of Jacob
  - Gen. 49:24

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## The Names of God:

Who is God?

- Yahweh: Jehovah, LORD
  - The only proper name for God
  - Deut. 6:4
- Yahweh-Jireh: the Lord will provide Gen. 22:14
- Yahweh-Rapha: The Lord who heals

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## The Names of God:

## Who is God?

- Yahweh-Nissi: The Lord our Banner Ex. 17:15
  - Banner: a rallying place
- Yahweh-m'Kaddesh: The Lord Who Sanctifies, Makes Holy Lev. 20:8
- Yahweh-Shalom: The Lord our Peace Judges 6:24
- Yahweh-Elohim: LORD God Gen. 2:4
  - Yahweh=LORD Elohim=generic

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## The Names of God:

- Yahweh-Tsidkenu: The Lord our Righteous Jer. 33:16
- Yahweh-Rohi: The Lord our Shepherd Ps. 23:1
- Yahweh-Shammah: The Lord is there Ez. 48:35
- Yahweh-Sabaoth: The Lord of Hosts; Lord of ALL
- I Samuel 1:3
- El Elyon: most high Deut. 26:19
- El Olam: Everlasting God Ps. 90:1-3

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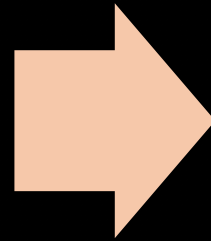
## The Names of God:

- El-Gibhor: *Mighty God* Is. 9:6
- El Roi: *God of seeing* Gen. 16:13
  - When Hagar met the Angel of the Lord, she realized that El Roi saw her in distress and testified that He is a God who lives and sees all

Who is  
God?

# Experiencing God

When people are experiencing an occasional setback, struggling with family or relationship issues, or feeling as though their lives are falling apart, God is frequently a second thought or last resort.



**WHY?**

# REMEMBERING JOB AND HIS FRIENDS

Job's friends had a different understanding of God:

Eliphaz: his life experiences and a general understanding of God were his sources of wisdom. (v.4:7-8, 5:3, 5:27)

Bildad: his wisdom and words of advice were that of frequently quoted proverbs and sayings (v. 8:8-9, 18:5-21)

Zophar: was spiritually arrogant and considered himself wise (v.11:6, 20:1-29)

# Physical vs. Spiritual Needs

- “Focusing on people’s problems and providing physical comfort to people who are spiritually starving and whose souls are weary only prolongs their agony and leaves them half dead.”
  - From CareMinistry.com

# Bear One Another Burdens

- The concerns of God are that people would:
  - Love the Lord with all they are Luke 10:27
  - Hear and obey the Word of god. Luke 11:28
  - Know the truth and be set free. John 8:32
  - Know the only true God and Jesus Christ. John 17:3
  - Call on the name of the Lord. Acts 2:21
  - Declare and share the message. Romans 10:17, 16:26
  - Stand firm in the faith, be courageous and strong. I Corinthians 16:13

# Bear One Another's Burdens

- The concerns of God are that people would:
  - Do everything in love I Corinthians 16:14
  - Encourage the disheartened and help the weak. I Thessalonians 5:14
  - Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances I Thessalonians 5:16-18
  - Draw near to God with a sincere heart. Hebrews 10:22
  - Hold unswervingly to the hope we profess. Hebrews 10:23
  - Spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24
  - Be holy. I Peter 1:16

# Care Consideration

- Suppose all we do is make a visit, provide a meal, send a card, lend an ear, and let people know about church-sponsored programs and upcoming events. In that case, many people are sure to continue down the same familiar road---one riddled with potholes that leads people nowhere.

# Pray to God

- Praying with someone can be especially valuable to people who are anxious, harbor anger, are consumed by their circumstances, have questions, or do not know how to and what to pray.
- Some guidelines:
  - Indicate an interest in praying with people. “How can I pray for you?”
  - Ask for permission to pray for people. “May I say a quick prayer now?”
  - Ask if it is ok to touch them---ie hold their hand, place your arm on their shoulder, etc.



