

THINK LIKE JESUS

What Do I Believe and Why Does It Matter?

LESSON 2 – DOES GOD CARE ABOUT ME?

*“I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my **help** come from? ² My **help** comes from the **LORD**, the Maker of heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)*

God is this huge and powerful being who created everything, owns and controls everything. But does he know who I am? Does he care about what happens to me? The simple answer is **YES**.

1. **Key Question:** Does God **CARE** about me?

*“The **LORD** is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake.” Psalm 23:1-6 (NIV)*

2. I believe God is **INVOLVED IN** and **CARES** about my daily life.

- A. God is above us, or **“TRANSCENDENT.”**

He is not bound by any of the circumstances or events that happen in this world. He has created everything, so he therefore has complete authority over everything. He is in complete control of our universe, and nothing that happens is a surprise to him.

- B. God chooses to be near to us, or **“IMMANENT.”**

- C. God states that he has a plan for us, or is **“PROVIDENT.”**

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful; I know that full well. ¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.” Psalm 139:14-15 (NIV)

Three Truths Can Transform Your Thinking About God....

1. Be **MINDFUL**: God’s ways are higher than my ways.

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the **LORD**. ⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Isaiah 55:8-9 NIV*

2. Don’t **WORRY**: God, who controls nature and history, cares about me.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matthew 6:25-27 (NIV)

3. Be **EXCITED**: God is working out his good plan for my life.

“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6 (NIV)