

NOT MY GOD

WEEK ONE - NO DEMAND GOD

“God created man in his own image and man, being a gentleman, returned the favor.”

- Mark Twain

What if “my god” is not “the God”?

Psalm 23:1-3 (NLT) The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name.

Goosebumps god: “A good god always makes me feel something.”

Killjoy god: “A good god does not have tons of rules.”

Heartless god: “A good god does not allow pain.”

On Demand God

“The internet makes human desires more easily attainable.” - Ev Williams, Twitter co-founder

An “On Demand” approach to God tempts us to believe God exists to grant our wishes.

Psalm 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...

God’s goodness isn’t determined by our valleys.

Romans 8:35 (NIV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Romans 8:37-39 (NIV) No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God’s goodness isn’t limited by our perspective.

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

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Who God is > What God does

1 John 4:15 (NIV) If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God.

God, here I am. I serve you. Lead me wherever you want, to do whatever you want.