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**What is God really like? – Part 2**

* So far: 1. God of purpose (not random) / 2. God helps us become like Christ.
* Things work out when we realize that God knows us intimately and has a plan & purpose for our lives: destiny.

**Romans 8:28-29**

* Spiritual growth then, is about manifesting God’s abundance rather than quoting a lot of scripture.

**Today’s Focus:**

*(God is thinking about you)*

**Psalm 139:17**[**Precious**](http://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/Precious)*How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

**What was God thinking when:**

* He made the whole wide world for us to enjoy?
* He called out the Jewish people under Abraham to bring forth our savior?
* He sent Jesus to die on the cross and rise again?
* ****He sent the Holy Spirit to help us?
* He gave us His word to reveal what He’s really like, His plan & purpose for us?

**2 Timothy 1:7** / **Philippians 2:5**

**The importance of the mind in: ‘Unity through humility’**:

**Philippians 2:1-5 / Romans 12:1-2**

* ‘Like minded’ / ‘of one mind’ / ‘lowliness of mind’

**How God thinks**

***We see our problems as small or big, God does not.***

* Very often, **we think** that greater faith is needed to take on bigger problems. (Conversely lesser faith is needed for smaller problems). Not so God!

**Matthew 14:15-21** – (Jesus feeds the 5000 with 5 loaves & two fish)

**Matthew 15:32-38** – (Jesus feeds 4000 with 7 loaves & a few fish)

* Jesus thoughts of abundance Vs disciples’ thoughts of lack.
* If we cannot handle something small on our own, and so turn to God in prayer, then why sweat it with worry when we face big problems.

**Luke 17:5-6** *And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.”**6So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.*

**Notes**

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