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**What is God really like? – Part 6**

*(God is not religious)*

* One of the many things Jesus did was to reveal God as our ‘loving Father’.
* The new law of Christ is written on our hearts, not cold tablets of stone (Moses). **Jeremiah 31:33-34**

**Today’s Focus:**

* God is not a hard task master… He works **with and within us** to produce fruit.
* Jesus mercy & compassion: the woman caught in adultery. (John 8:1-11)

* Jesus dealings with the woman who bathed His feet with her tears.(Lk 7:36-50)
* In contrast, ‘religiosity’s yoke is **hard**, and the burden **heavy**.

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-Is about impossible efforts to reach & please God… **Gal 2:16**

-Keeps you insecure before God. **Hebrews 11:6** -Keeps you **insecure** before man. **John 11:45-48**

-Keeps people at a **distance** from God’s presence. **Matt 8:3**

**Final Take Away:**

*Why Jesus came?*

* **To put an end** to **all man centered** efforts to please God.
* **To provide us** with ‘security’ that we are ‘accepted in the beloved’. (Eph 1:6)
* **To give us** a quality of life like no other (John 10:10 / Ro 517)

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