

# GOD IS \_\_\_\_\_

## Part 12: God is Forgetful

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What comes into our minds when we think about God,  
is the most important thing about us.

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### **False Narrative: God forgets people**

But God remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark, and he sent a wind over the earth, and the waters receded. – Genesis 8:1

So when God destroyed the cities of the plain, he remembered Abraham, and he brought Lot out of the catastrophe that overthrew the cities where Lot had lived. – Genesis 19:29

Then God remembered Rachel; he listened to her and enabled her to conceive. – Genesis 30:22

### **The Real Story: God forgets sin**

For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”  
– Hebrews 8:12

“I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more. –Isaiah 43:25

### **The Rest of the Story: I have not been forgotten**

#### **God remembers my conversation**

<sup>16</sup> Then those who feared the Lord talked with each other, and the Lord listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence concerning those who feared the Lord and honored his name. <sup>17</sup> “On the day when I act,” says the Lord Almighty, “they will be my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as a father has compassion and spares his son who serves him. <sup>18</sup> And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not. –Malachi 3:16-18

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### **God remembers our pain**

You keep track of all my sorrows.

You have collected all my tears in your bottle.

You have recorded each one in your book.

- Psalm 56:8 (*New Living Translation*)

### **God remembers His promises**

I will remember my covenant.... - Genesis 9:15

***God willfully forgets sin  
but never forgets His children.***

### **Small Group Questions**

- 1) Have you ever felt forgotten? What made you feel that way?
- 2) Do you believe it is truly possible to forgive and forget?
- 3) Read Malachi 3:16-18 once again. What conversations do you want God to remember you by?
- 4) In Hebrew, the word “remember” carries with it the idea of intervention. How does that change the meaning of Psalm 56:8?
- 5) Where are you today? In the false narrative, the real story, or the rest of the story?
- 6) What do you need prayer for today?