**God Sized** *(Series Graphic)*

**Part 1:**

A God Sized **Dream**

**Part 2:**

God Sized **Generosity**

**Part 3:**

God Sized **Faith**

**Part 4:**

God Sized **Prayer**

1. God sized prayer is to **trust** in His **power**.
2. God sized prayer is **alignment** to His **purposes**.
3. God sized prayer is **seeking wisdom** in **all things.**

 **Real** prayer is **right** prayer.

 **Praying the Word** is the best way to pray when you don’t know what to say.

God Sized **Love**

(Psalm 103)

“Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul, and **forget not all his benefits**—who **forgives** all your sins and **heals** all your diseases, who **redeems** your life from the pit and crowns you with **love and compassion**, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s. The Lord works **righteousness and justice** for all the oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.** He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, **so great is his love** for **those who fear him**; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on **those who fear him**; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the **Lord’s love is with those who fear him**, and his righteousness with their children’s children—with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts. The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all. Praise the Lord, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, **who obey his word**. Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will. Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the Lord, my soul.”

(1 John 3:1)

“See what great love the Father has **lavished** on us, that we should be called children of God!”

(1 John 3:10)

“This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who **does not do what is right** is not God’s child, nor is anyone who does not love their brother or sister.”

(1 John 3:16)

“This is how we know **what love is**: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”

(1 John 4:8)

“Whoever does not love does not know God, because **God is love**.”

(1 John 4:10)

“**This is love**: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.”

(Romans 5:8)

“but God **demonstrates** his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners Christ died for us.”

 The general consensus on love in **not** a Christian one.

**5 things the Bible says about God’s love:**

1. The **Father loves the Son**, and the **Son loves the Father**.

(John 3:35)

“The **Father loves the** **Son** and has placed everything in his hands. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.”

(John 5:20)

“For the **Father loves the Son** and shows him all he does.”

(John 14:31)

“but he comes so that the world may learn that **I love the Father** and do exactly what my Father has commanded me.”

1. God loves his **creation**.

Genesis 1—Calls it “good.”

Matthew 6—He feeds the birds and clothes the fields with flowers.

1. God loves the **world**.

(John 3:16)

“For God **so loved the world** that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

God stands in **judgement** of the world but invites the rebellious to **repent**.

(Ezekiel 33:11-12)

“Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their wicked ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die?’ Therefore, son of man, say to your people, ‘If someone who is righteous disobeys, that person’s former righteousness will count for nothing. And if someone who is wicked repents, that person’s former wickedness will not bring condemnation. The righteous person who sins will not be allowed to live even though they were formerly righteous.’”

1. Christ loves the **Church**.

(Ephesians 5:25)

“Husbands, love your wives, just as **Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her,”

1. God’s love is provisional based on **obedience**.

(John 15:9)

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Now remain in my love**.”

(John 15:10)

“**If you keep my commands**, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.”

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5. God’s love is provisional based on obedience.

Truth is held in **tension**.

1. Overemphasis of the love between the Father and the Son misses how God loves sinners.
2. Overemphasis on God’s sovereignty over all creation makes him a force and impersonal.
3. Overemphasis on the world makes God a lovesick boyfriend.
4. Overemphasis on Christ’s love for the church creates a group of elitists.
5. Overemphasis on love tied to obedience creates merit-based thinking (legalism).

God’s love is **not** unconditional.

God’s love will give **discipline** for reckless behavior.

God does not love you just the way you are.

God does love you, **despite the way you are**.