

## SERIES: LOOKING BACK – MOVING FORWARD SPEAKER: NAT CRAWFORD Friday, August 26, 2022 Scripture: Genesis 1:1/ Isaiah 44:6 / Romans 1:20 TITLE: God is the Eternal Creator

Who is God? What is God like? Remember the song, "What if God was one of us? Just a slob like one of us? Just a stranger on the bus trying to make His way home?" Intriguing thoughts. But what I hear in that song is the constant struggle to understand God and attempt to make Him more like us.

Who is God? What is God like? Those are the questions we're going to answer over the next 6 days. We can't cover all we know about God in six days, but we can understand some of the essential qualities of God and how it impacts our lives today.

Who is God? What is God like? Well, God is the Eternal Creator. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

One of the common questions I get is, "How old is the Earth?" I always take people back to Genesis 1:1: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

People are perplexed by this. But I do this because the Bible doesn't say how old the Earth is. All it tells us, which is enough, is that, "In the beginning, God." There was a period where there was nothing but God. Time, material, and even the heavenly beings didn't exist. There was nothing but God. And then, it says that God created.

God is the Creator of the universe, and all that inhabits it. Colossians 1:16 tells us that God created all things, both visible and invisible. But there's more. And it's what we touched on earlier. Before the universe began, there was nothing but God. In other words, God is the Creator and the Eternal One.

Isaiah 44:6 (NLT), "I am the First and the Last; there is no other God." In other words, God has no beginning and no end.

Romans 1:20 (NLT) says, "For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So, they have no excuse for not knowing God."

That's a double dose of reality from the Bible. God is the Eternal Creator of life, the universe, and everything good. And, because of that, no one is without excuse. In other words, everyone knows God exists. The question is, will they acknowledge Him and give their lives over to Him?

Here's my challenge to you today. God is the Eternal Creator, which means He is powerful. Chances are, today in your life, you're facing a dead-end or a hurdle. Maybe it's in your marriage relationship. Maybe it's in a relationship with a child. Maybe you're working in a deadend job, and the bills are stacking up. Maybe you're overwhelmed with health concerns.

Whatever it is, the same God, Who is eternally powerful enough to create the universe, also loves and cares for you. He may not deliver you *from* your trial, but He will deliver you *through* it.

Today, reflect on God's eternal creative power. And ask God to reveal that same power to you for your situation. Then ask God to show you how to live in response to it.

If you're one of our GoTandem users today, I'd love to interact with you below. What is the situation you're facing, and how does God's power change how you view it?

Who is God? What is He like? He is the Eternal Creator, and that is awesome!