



True and Better

*"God wants me to be a good person." "God wants me to be happy." "God needs us." "God is there for us whenever we need him." We hear a lot of things about God that *sound* true, but are they really true? And how can we know? In this series we'll talk about some common ideas about God and then look at the Bible to find the deeper, better truth behind them.*

April 12

God Chooses Me

April 19

God Wants Me to Grow

April 26

God Wants Me To Be Faithful

May 3

God Wants My Whole Life



This Week

Does God want us to be happy? We all experience happiness along the road of life, but we also encounter challenges and tough times. The good news is that happiness isn't our destination. God wants to use good and bad times for His glory and our growth.

Scripture

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” - James 1:2-4



Bottom Line

God doesn't just want me to be happy, he wants me to grow.

Questions

- Have you ever been involved in an activity (maybe sports or music) where you've done something difficult and experienced growth from it? How did it feel when you were in the process? How did it feel afterwards? Was it worth it?
- Has there been a time in your life when you or your family have faced challenges?
- How do you respond to difficult times? How should you?
- Do you feel thankful when you go through hard times?
- Does God *make* difficult things happen to you? Or does He just use them?



Parent Discussion Point

Share with your student a time in your life when God used difficult circumstances to grow you and your relationship with Him.