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Ephesians 1:5-6



# **I. God is the main Character in the story of life**

- 1. When we don't believe God can do what he says he can do.**
- 2. When we think we know better than God.**
- 3. When we try and control our life.**
- 4. When we try and control our kids lives**
- 5. When we worry about outcomes.**

## **II. What God does is not deserved, it is a gift**

**God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.  
Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)**



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**Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. 2 You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)**

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**You adulterers! Don't you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God. James 4:4 (NLT)**

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**But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (NIV)**

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**God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.  
Ephesians 1:5a (NLT)**



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**And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering. 18 Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later. 19 For all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who his children really are. 20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God's curse. But with eager hope, 21 the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay. Romans 8:17-21 (NLT)**



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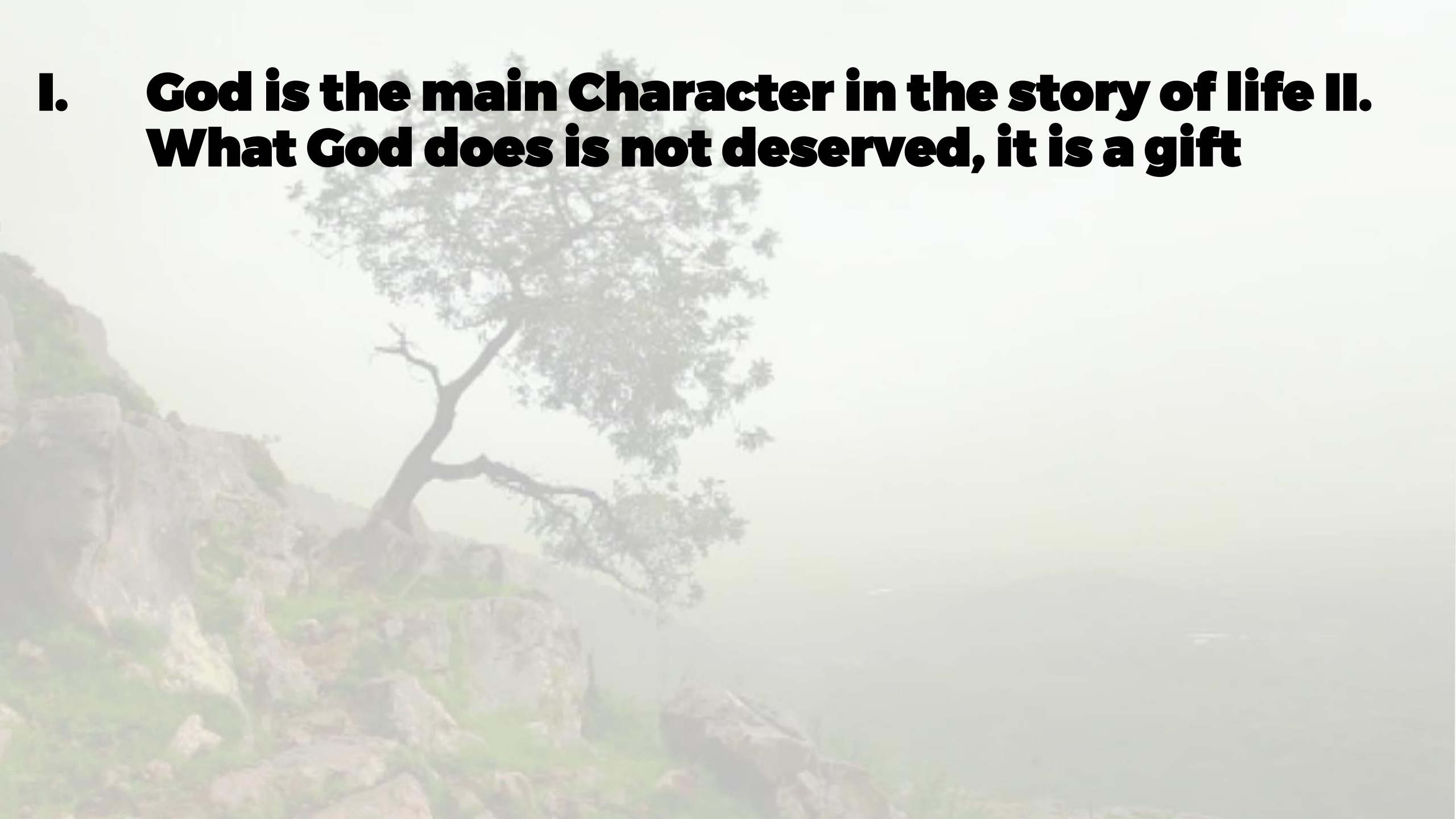
**“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” Matthew 5:3-5 (NLT)**



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- 1. We need to have a proper view of ourselves.**
- 2. We will see others with the love that God has for them.**
- 3. We will share with others what Christ has done.**

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### **III. God's motivation for all he does for us is love**

**So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. Ephesians 1:6 (NLT)**



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**But— When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. 7 Because of his grace he declared us righteous and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life. Titus 3:4-7 (NLT)**

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**Yes, I am confirming my covenant with you. Never again will floodwaters kill all living creatures; never again will a flood destroy the earth.” 12 Then God said, “I am giving you a sign of my covenant with you and with all living creatures, for all generations to come. 13 I have placed my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of my covenant with you and with all the earth. Genesis 9:11-13 (NLT)**

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**And remember, our Lord's patience gives people time to be saved. 2 Peter 3:15a (NLT)**

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