

THE STORY

Sermon Outline
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What God Are You Putting Your Faith In?

Romans 15:4

_____ are not what define us.
It's our _____ beforehand
combined with our _____
afterward.

Romans 15:4 - For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

Misconceptions of God:

_____ **God** – won't let
bad things happen to good people.

John 16:33 - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

_____ **God** – gives us
what we want when we want it.

2 Corinthians 12:7b-9a - I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

_____ **God** – whose
presence must always be felt.

Psalm 42:2-3 - My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

_____ **God** – doesn't
want you to enjoy anything in this life.

1 Timothy 6:17 - Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

_____ **God** – gets
credit for coincidental good fortune and
held responsible for unfortunate natural
circumstances.

Matthew 5:44-45 - But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

_____ **God** – requires
choosing between science and religion.

Romans 1:20 - For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

**The understanding that our story is a
part of God's big story gives us the
ability to confidently deal with history.**