Silver Creek Fellowship NOTES

January 14

21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?

LIFE POINT:

Your understanding of what God is like <u>shapes</u> everything else in your life, including your prayer.

"What comes to your mind when you think about God is the most important thing about you, because it affects everything else in your life." -A.W. Tozer

Psalm 100:5 (NIV) "For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations."

THE GOODNESS OF GOD:

1. God's plans for my life will always be good.

Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV) "'For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.'"

Romans 8:28 (NIV) "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Genesis 50:20 (NIV) "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

Romans 5:3 (NLT) "So, we can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are <u>GOOD for us</u> – they help us learn patient endurance."

2. God always gives me what I need, not what I deserve.

Psalm 103:10-12 (NIV)

"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.» Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT) "This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly with confidence to the throne of our gracious God. And there we will receive his mercy, and we will find the grace to help us when we need it most."

3. God puts my good above His own good.

John 10:14-15 (NIV) "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep."

John 15:13 (NIV) "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT) "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

Romans 8:32 (NLT) "Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?"