Psalm 25:5 "Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." (NIV)

LIES WE BELIEVE ABOUT GOD

1. God's love needs to BE EARNED.

Psalm 119:64 "The earth is filled with your love, Lord; teach me your decrees." (NIV)

Psalm 136:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever." (NIV)

Romans 8:38-39 "38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV)

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

Ephesians 3:17-19 "16 I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18 may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (NIV)

2. God is MEAN and VINDICTIVE.

Psalm 86:5 "You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you." (NIV)

Psalm 34:8 "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him." (NIV)

Psalm 145:8-9 "8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. 9 The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made." (NIV)

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

3. God IGNORES our disobedience.

Hebrews 12:4-11 "4 In your struggle against sin, you have not resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, 6 because the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and He chastens everyone He accepts as His son." 7 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as His children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? 8 If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline —then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. 9 Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! 10 They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in His holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it." (NIV)

Hebrews 4:13 "Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account." (NIV)

4. God GIVES US everything we want.

Matthew 7:11 "If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!" (NIV)

James 1:17 "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights; who does not change like shifting shadows." (NIV)

5. God has LOST CONTROL of everything.

Job 12:13 "To God belongs wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are His." (NIV)

Job 42:1-2 "[1] The Job replied to the Lord: "[2] I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted." (NIV)

Psalm 139:7-8 "[7] Where can I go from your Spirit? When can I flee from your presence? [8] If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there." (NIV)

BOTTOM LINE

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." (NIV)

Jeremiah 29:11 "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." (NIV)