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Colossians 1:15-20 NLT

"Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross."

Statements Made in Colossians 1:

- God made everything.
- Jesus is *supreme* above all creation.
- He created everything we see (physical) and everything we can't see (spiritual).
- Nothing that exists was created apart from Him.
- He holds all creation together.
- He is the leader of the church.
- He set the guidelines for eternal salvation and eternal destruction.
- God poured His wrath on His Son by means of the Cross so those who believe in Jesus can be forgiven and reconciled to Him.

God is _____

Everything that happens in life has been ______ or ______ by God.

Isaiah 45:12-13 NLT

"I am the one who made the earth and created people to live on it. With my hands I stretched out the heavens. All the stars are at my command. I will raise up Cyrus to fulfill my righteous purpose, and I will guide his actions. He will restore my city and free my captive people without seeking a reward! I, the Lord of Heaven's Armies, have spoken!"

God is in ______

1. Faith to _____

One of the greatest reasons for disobedience is _____

Hebrews 11:8-10 NLT

"It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God."

_____ to God is often faith in _____ rather than faith in God.

2. Faith to _____

2 Corinthians 4:8-13 NLT

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. Yes, we live under constant danger of death because we serve Jesus, so that the life of Jesus will be evident in our dying bodies. So we live in the face of death, but this has resulted in eternal life for you. But we continue to preach because we have the same kind of faith the psalmist had when he said, "I believed in God, so I spoke."

Mothers... keep praying for your babies Fathers... keep setting a Godly example for your family Parents... keep living a life that glorifies Jesus Christians... keep shining the light of Christ to the world

Since God is in _____, we as His children can endure anything He deems necessary or permissible in our life.