WHO NEEDS GOD ...?

(6) I DO!

You cannot move **AWAY** from something without moving **TOWARD** something else!

Maybe...

The "GOD" you originally believed in... was the wrong "god" to begin with!

TWO COMMON CHARACTERISTICS from most DE-CONVERSIONS...

- 1. A "SOMEBODY-told-me-so" god...
- 2. A "BIBLE-tells-me-so" Jesus...

WHAT IS GOD REALLY LIKE?

GOD is SPIRIT!

GOD is FATHER!

GOD is LOVE!

JUSTICE vs. INJUSTICE

When we **REJECT GOD...** because of all the **INJUSTICE** in the **World...** we don't **SOLVE INJUSTICE... WE LOSE THE DEFINITION** altogether!

SO WHAT DOES THE GOD OF JESUS SAY ABOUT ALL OF THIS?

GOD... IS... JUST!

THERE IS NO JUSTICE WITHOUT JUDGMENT!

This Is Why...

"THE GOSPEL" IS THE PERFECT NARRATIVE!

GOD... DID... NOT... SEND... A... "JUDGE!" -- HE SENT... A "SAVIOR!"

"I DON'T BELIEVE IT!" "I DON'T 'WANT' TO BELIEVE IT!"

Blaise Pascal...

"People almost invariably arrive at their BELIEFS... not on the Basis of PROOF... but on the Basis of what they find most ATTRACTIVE!"

Saint Augustine...

"We LOVE the TRUTH... when it ENLIGHTENS us! (But...)
We HATE the TRUTH... when it CONVICTS us!"

When we won't ACKNOWLEDGE what we SUSPECT to be TRUE... (Or...)

When we won't LOOK for FEAR of WHAT WE MIGHT SEE... (Then...)

It means that there's **SOMETHING ELSE IN THE MIX!**

WHAT IS THAT "SOMETHING ELSE...?"

IF THERE'S A GOD...

1. I'M GUILTY!

2. I'M ACCOUNTABLE!

3. I'M WRONG!

IF...

You can get yourself to the point in which you could ACKNOWLEDGE that the REAL ISSUE might actually be YOUR RESISTANCE and NOT GOD'S EXISTENCE...

THEN...

YOU WILL HAVE STEPPED JUST ENOUGH INTO THE MIDDLE OF AN "EPIC" NARRATIVE!

The **EPIC Narrative** that speaks about a **GOD** who **PURSUES** a **RELATIONSHIP** with a **REBEL RACE**... that **BROKE RELATIONSHIP** with **HIM**!

IF THERE'S A GOD ...

1. THERE'S FORGIVENESS!

Romans 5:8...
But God DEMONSTRATES His own LOVE for us in this:
While we were still SINNERS... Christ died for us.

IF THERE'S A GOD ...

2. THERE'S RELATIONSHIP!

IF THERE'S A GOD...

3. THERE'S TRUTH!

WHO "NEEDS" GOD ...?

Because HE is RELATIONSHIP... FORGIVENESS... and TRUTH...

I DO... (And...) YOU DO... (And...) YOU DO... (And...) YOU DO...

James 4:8/10...

8 Come NEAR to GOD and He will come NEAR to YOU.

Wash your hands, you **SINNERS**...

and purify your hearts, you **DOUBLE-MINDED**.

10 **HUMBLE YOURSELVES** before the Lord...

and HE... WILL... LIFT... YOU... UP!