

## A God Who Is Sovereign

#2 - Walking By Faith In A God Who Is...

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### Review

God is Good:

We recognize it through natural blessings, specific examples, and Jesus. We respond by repenting of ingratitude, relying on His goodness when things seem bad, and risking walking by faith in every area of life.

### Defining a God who is sovereign...

Sovereign: one that exercises supreme authority, possessing supreme power, autonomous, independent, free from external control.

“God’s sovereignty is the attribute by which He rules His entire creation, and to be sovereign God must be all-knowing, all-powerful, and absolutely free. The reasons are these:

Were there even one datum of knowledge, however small, unknown to God, His rule would break down at that point. To be Lord over all creation, He must possess all knowledge. And were God lacking one infinitesimal modicum of power, that lack would end His reign and undo His kingdom; that one stray atom of power would belong to someone else and God would be a limited ruler and hence not sovereign. Furthermore, His sovereignty requires that He be absolutely free, which means simply that He must be free to do whatever He wills to do anywhere at any time to carry out His eternal purpose in every single detail without interference. Were He less than free, He must be less than sovereign.”  
A.W. Tozer

*Ephesians 4:6 One God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

He is **before** all things, **created** all things, **upholds** all things, **knows** all things, **can do** all things, **accomplishes** all things, **rules over** all things, and is **in control** of all things.

Avoiding the extremes...

Extreme Calvinism – eliminates human responsibility  
Extreme Arminianism – eliminates God

## Recognizing a God who is sovereign...

Look at His \_\_\_\_\_

*I am the Most High  
I am the Alpha and Omega*

*I am the King of kings and the Lord of lords  
I AM who I AM, the eternal, self-existent one.*

Look at His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*Abraham  
Joseph  
Romans 8:28*

Look at \_\_\_\_\_

*John 10:18*

Look for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

*Esther 6:1,2*

## Responding to a God who is sovereign...

Adjust your \_\_\_\_\_.

Memory verse: *Genesis 50:20*  
*You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.*

Absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Appreciate your \_\_\_\_\_ .

*Romans 11:33-36*

Prayer:

Sovereign Lord, King of Glory, Lord of Hosts, the Great I AM; You keep all your promises and your prophecies never fail. Thank you for Jesus, who willfully died that I might live eternally with You. Help me to see Your sovereign hand working in my life, to praise You even when I can't see You working, and to have such a confidence in You that I absolutely refuse to worry. Even though Your judgments are unsearchable and your paths are beyond tracing out, I give You the glory forever!