



# Journal

## Chapter 2: PERSONAL GOD

### Personal Study

Last week you examined your beliefs about who God is. Perhaps you learned something about God or about yourself that you never knew before. That's great! This week read *Believe, Chapter 2: Personal God*. Then spend some time allowing the Scripture to take root in your heart and evaluating your feelings about how God is involved in your daily life.

### Read

Read Believe Chapter 2: Personal God and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

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2. As you read these passages, what questions came to your attention?

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3. What did you read that stunned you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Challenged you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Motivated you? \_\_\_\_\_

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Confused you? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Explain how you have personally experienced God in your life.

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5. In what ways have pain and suffering caused you to be more aware of God's presence?

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6. How have you seen pain and suffering bring others closer to God?

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**Evaluate**

*Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 2: Personal God, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a scale of 1–6 (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).*

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe the God has a purpose for my life.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe pain and suffering can often bring me closer to God.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe God is actively involved in my life.

\_\_\_\_\_ I believe God enables me to do things I could not or would not otherwise do.

**Take Action**

*Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week's Key Verse to memory.*

**Key Verse:** “I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1–2)

*Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, does my life reflect this statement?*

**Key Idea:** I believe God is involved in and cares about my daily life.

*Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.*

1. How would this belief-in-action express itself in your life?

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2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who is personally connected to God?

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3. What is impeding your ability to experience God in a personal way?

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How can you overcome these obstacles? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What action step can you take this week to increase your awareness of God’s involvement in your daily life?

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