

INTRODUCTION

Since it's Father's Day, what is your favorite memory with your father?

DISCUSSION

In our current What in the World Part 2 series, we are answering questions you had asked us at the end of last year. This was the question this week: *We lost our son 11 years ago and so many even now still tell us we have an angel in heaven. Can this be explained? I have always felt it was that we have a saint not an angel. Where in the Bible is this concept explained? Our son was silently born and was not baptized, is this an issue?*

How would you answer this week's What in the World question?

How do you deal with questions that don't have a clear answer?

EXPLANATION – READ PSALM 23

Sometimes when we have questions in scripture, the answers are not always there. It is important however, to consider scripture as a whole. This question requires the person answering to identify what we know about the character of God, and the only way to do that is by taking the Bible as a whole and not breaking it up.

Who do you say God is?

APPLICATION

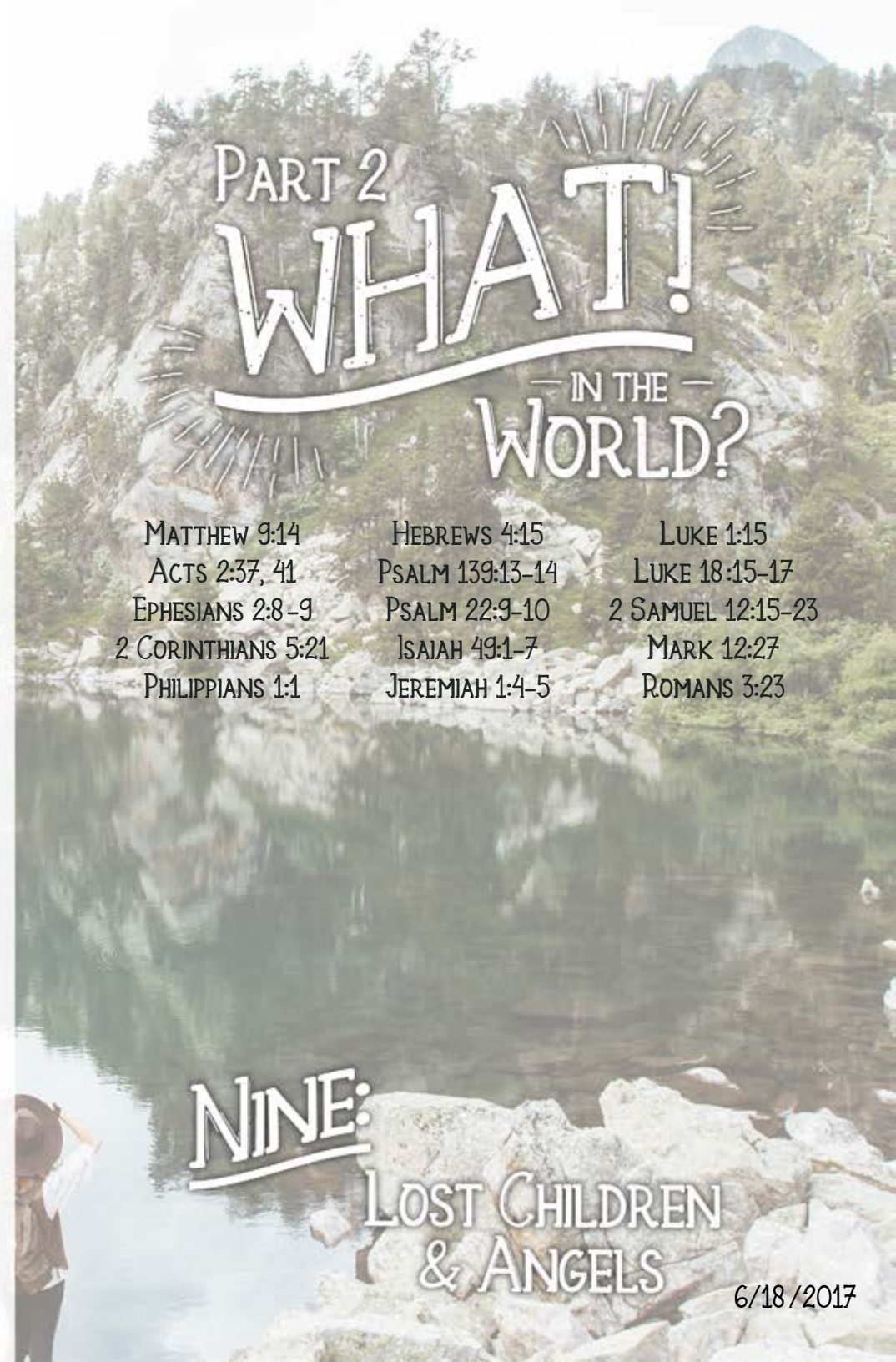
How do you understand the goodness of God?

How do you reconcile a good and loving God with the hardships in life?

MISSION

Do you know why we speak of God's goodness so much? Because that's the gospel...the good news. Our God set out on a rescue mission for all of us, to seek us, save us, and bring us home. Far from being a capricious God that must be appeased, our God set out what holiness is and then met the requirements of that holiness Himself, for us! We may not always have all the answers, but we can know WHO God is and how He sees His people. When we are unsure, we must go back to who God is before we get lost in the confusion of our questions; real hope comes out of understanding who He is first, before all things.

What hope can you offer to those who are struggling or grieving?



MATTHEW 9:14	HEBREWS 4:15	LUKE 1:15
ACTS 2:37, 41	PSALM 139:13-14	LUKE 18:15-17
EPHESIANS 2:8-9	PSALM 22:9-10	2 SAMUEL 12:15-23
2 CORINTHIANS 5:21	ISAIAH 49:1-7	MARK 12:27
PHILIPPIANS 1:1	JEREMIAH 1:4-5	ROMANS 3:23

NINE:
**LOST CHILDREN
& ANGELS**

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