Join Us At

Journey
Community Church

Sunday Worship
10:00 am

HELLO my name is..
God

Sovereign=having unlimited power or authority

He is subject to no one, influenced by no one, independent and free in His own being. He does as He pleases, only as He pleases, always as He pleases, everywhere as He pleases, and forever as He pleases. No one and nothing can hinder Him, compel Him, thwart Him, or stop Him." (David Jeremiah)

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God is…..

Almighty: Genesis 17:1
Beginning: Rev. 22:13
Creator: Genesis 1
Deliverer: Psalm 18:2
Emmanuel: (God with us): Matthew 1:23
Forgiving: Psalm 130:4
Good Shepherd: John 10:11
Healer: Matthew 8:16
Infinite: Psalm 147:5
Just: Deuteronomy 32:4
King of Kings: Rev. 19:16
Love: Romans 5:8

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Messiah: John 1:41

Near: Psalm 145:18-21

Omnipresent: Psalm 139:7,8

Patient: 2 Peter 3:9

Quickens: Rom 8:11

Redeemer: Job 19:25

Savior: Luke 2:11

Truth: John 8:32, 14:6

Unchanging: Hebrews 13:8

Very present help: Psa. 46:1

Wonderful Counselor: Is. 9:6

Xristos. (Greek for Christ): Lk. 23:35

Yearning (For Us): Rev. 3:20

Zealous: Isa 9:7

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God's Sovereignty

Psalm 22:28*: For dominion belongs to the Lord and he rules over the nations.*

Psalm 33:11*: But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.*

Psalm 103:19*: The Lord has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.*

Psalm 115:3: *Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.*

Psalm 135:6: *The Lord does whatever pleases him, in the heavens and on the earth, in the seas and all their depths.*

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Matthew 6:10 (NIV)

May your kingdom come, may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

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When He (God) decides to do a thing, he does it, and no one can stop him. That's sovereignty. Absolutely everything that needs to be done to bring about his purposes, God sees to it that it happens."

(John Piper)

Job 42:2 (ESV)

I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

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The right of God to allow mankind's free choices is just as necessary for true sovereignty as His ability to enact His will, wherever and however He chooses.

(Gotquestions.org)

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Why can't God

1. Why can't God change everyone's personality so we can't sin?
2. Why can't God intervene 100 percent of the time before evil is carried out?
3. Why can't God judge and remove those who choose to commit evil?

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God wants to have a relationship with us, so He cannot remove free will and force us to do only what is right. He needs to allow us to choose.

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How we define evil and how God defines evil are very different.

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Why can't God judge and remove those who choose to commit evil?

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Why can't God judge and remove those who choose to commit evil?

Because no one would be here! God would need to remove all of us.

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

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Mark 9:42 (NIV)

If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.

A Sovereign God Helps to…

1. Reduce worry (Isaiah 41:10)

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Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)

Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand.

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2. Comfort us in our suffering (Romans 8:28)

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Romans 8:28 (NIV)

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. When evil happens we have a promise from a sovereign God that all things work for the good of those who love Him.

A Sovereign God Helps to…

1. Reduce worry (Isaiah 41:10)
2. Comfort us in our suffering (Romans 8:28)
3. Be confident in His love (Romans 8:38-39)

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Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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How should we respond to God's Sovereignty?

1. Trust and follow Him (Proverbs 3:5-6)

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Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

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How should we respond to God's Sovereignty?

1. Trust and follow Him (Proverbs 3:5-6)

2. Make wise decisions (2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:5)

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

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James 1:5 (NLT)

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

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How should we respond to God's Sovereignty?

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2. Make wise decisions (2 Timothy 3:16-17; James 1:5)

3. Obey (Deuteronomy 5:29)

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Deuteronomy 5:29 (NIV)

Oh, that they would always have hearts like this, that they might fear me and obey all my commands! If they did, they and their descendants would prosper forever.

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