

ADDITIONAL QUOTES, QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES  
for Confirmation Class III: GOD

Pastor Steve's sermon is available on the church website in written form  
and as it was preached on June 6, 2021

Books

What We Talk About When We Talk About God by Rob Bell  
Your God is Too Small by J. B. Phillips  
The Westminster Catechism

On-line Resources:

"Encountering the Triune God," by Will Willimon (2021). Manuscript available.  
[https://asermonforeverysunday.com/  
info@pres-outlook.org](https://asermonforeverysunday.com/info@pres-outlook.org) The Presbyterian Outlook

In the most recent copy of Christian Century magazine, this article by Karl Travis  
caught my eye. Karl is a Presbyterian pastor and writer – and is on hospice  
for a lung condition.

He is in the midst of a "life review" which – as it does for so many – becomes  
a remembrance of gaffes and missed opportunities:

*"You might be thinking, What a downer! We fade from human memory. Little we do  
is long remembered. I reply, No, no, you are missing the point.*

***God remembers. God remembers and understands every misstep and mistake,  
Every kindness and kiss, every gentleness offered and each betrayal scorned.***

***God remembers my genuine efforts and my lackluster love.***

***God recalls my authentic connections and the times I faked them.***

***God sees all, knows all, remembers all – and embraces all.***

***My life...is part of a bigger picture, a dramatic tale of love and loss,  
an epic struggle in which humble people search for and find beauty and truth  
and grace.***

Later in this series, we will pick up some of the loose threads about God:

Exactly how do I describe the God I worship?

How can I change the voices telling me to fear God and doubt God's mercy?

Think of several examples (either by looking back or in this moment)  
when God was **for, with, or ahead** in your life.

What names and images of God bring confidence and comfort?

Set aside at least 30 minutes this week to use these sources