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1. God is self-sufficient.

Isa. 40:28 - Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary.

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Jesus: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I'll give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me; for I'm gentle and humble in heart, and you'll find rest for your souls." (**Mt. 11:28-29**)

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1 Tim. 4:6 - Be *nourished* with the words of the faith.

Jesus: "Man does not live by bread alone, but by _____."

1 Tim. 4:8 - *Train* yourself for godliness. Physical exercise profits a little, but godliness is valuable in every way.

2. God is holy.

v. 3:4-5 - So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." 5 Then He said, "Don't draw near this place. *Take your sandals off* your feet, for the place where you stand is *holy ground*."

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Luke 5 - Then Jesus got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ...And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking... When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "*Depart from me, for I'm a sinful man!*"

Colossians 1:21-22 - Once you were *alienated* from God... But now He has reconciled you to Himself through the death of Christ in His physical body, in order to present you *holy* and blameless and above reproach before Him.

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Hebrews 11:16 - God is not ashamed to be called their God.

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"He's a friend of tax collectors and sinners."

Revelation 3 - "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I'll come in and have fellowship with them."

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v. 3:7-8 - And the Lord said: “I’ve surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I’ve come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey.

Philippians 2 - Jesus took the form of a bondservant... and humbled Himself.

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