

Residing in God

A kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they drew. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's art work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the little girl responded, "They will in a minute."

Here was one person who was confident in her concept of God. What about you? How do you see God – as a loving Father, or as someone who is waiting to punish you for making a mistake? Do you think of Him as a place of residence?

Max Lucado, in his book, *Grace for the Moment*, points out that God not only wants you to know Him intimately, but He wants to be your dwelling place. "He has no interest in being a weekend getaway or a Sunday bungalow or a summer cottage. Don't consider using God as a vacation cabin or an eventual retirement home. He wants to be your mailing address, your point of reference; He wants to be your home.

"For many of us, this is a new thought. We think of God as a deity to discuss, not a place to dwell. We think of God as a mysterious miracle worker, not a house to live in. We think of God as a creator to call on, not a home to reside in. But our Father wants to be much more. He wants to be the one in whom 'we live and move and have our being.'" (Acts 17:28)

And dwelling in Him makes life in our personal homes and in the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles so much better.

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