

# about father...

**G**od is waiting to embarrass or punish me.”

“I can never do enough to please him.”

“He’s unpredictable and inconsistent to the point where it’s hard to trust Him.”

Those are painful words of deeply committed Christ-followers.

All three affirm doctrines declaring that God is loving and merciful. However, their affective reality is something quite different. Their hearts are out of synch with their heads.

It’s not at all uncommon.

We can affirm that God is love, while at the same time, feel like He’s an abusive bully.

We form images of God from the time we are born. They are a combination of thoughts and feelings cobbled together, primarily, from our early experience of life.

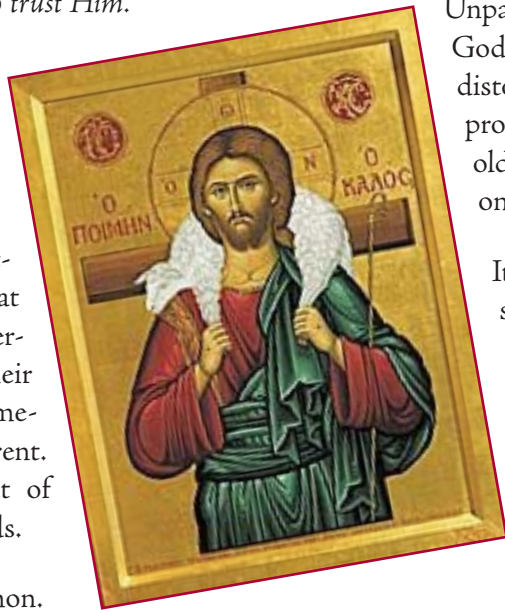
Images which are deeply embedded in our thinking and emotions are difficult to dismantle.

They don’t die easily.

Our images of God profoundly impact our spiritual well-being. When our image of God is distorted, we may secretly spend our lives cringing, hiding and running from God— or anxiously performing to earn God’s approval.

Unpacking our beliefs about God and dealing with the distortions, is a part of the process of “taking off the old nature” and “putting on the new.”

It’s an important ‘next step’ in the journey toward wholeness in Christ.



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