

Based on our conversation history and the provided sources, it's important to reiterate that the "Part 1" excerpts themselves **do not contain any specific Bible verses**. Instead, they generally refer to "His Word to us—the Scriptures" as "The book of promises to His kids". The sources suggest reading the Scriptures for ten minutes a day, starting in **Psalms, Proverbs, or John**.

However, as per your updated instructions, I can now provide Bible scriptures from *outside* the given sources that align with the core themes presented in "Part 1," while clearly stating that this information is external and may require independent verification.

The central message of "Part 1" is about **unlearning a rigid, rule-based view of God** and instead understanding Him as a **God of infinite grace, love, and freedom**. He is portrayed not as a punisher or cosmic killjoy, but as an **intimate, loving Father** who desires a real, unconditional relationship with humanity. The sources emphasize that **Jesus took away all sin** as a gift of grace, and God's true voice is one of **compassion, mercy, understanding, and forgiveness**, offering **no condemnation**. The Scriptures, therefore, are meant to reveal "our true nature as His children, and how His children receive and pour out His love to others".

Here are some Bible scriptures from outside of the provided "Part 1" sources that align with these key concepts. Please remember that these are **external references** and you may want to independently verify them.

External Bible Scriptures Aligned with "Part 1" Themes:

These verses reflect the themes of God's unconditional love, grace, forgiveness through Jesus, and His desire for an intimate relationship, which are central to "Part 1" of the sources:

- **God's Nature: Love, Grace, and Freedom (Not Rules or Punishment)**

- **John 3:16-17**: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (Aligns with God's immense love and purpose not to judge, but to save, as stated in).

- **Ephesians 2:8-9**: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast." (Directly supports the idea that God's blessings are a gift and not based on behavior or "dos and don'ts").

- **Romans 8:1-2:** "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death." (Echoes the source's assertion that God's voice offers "no condemnation and no judgment" and the desire to "free the David" from rigid thinking).

- **Psalms 103:8-14:** "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust." (This Psalm, specifically mentioned as a starting point in, beautifully illustrates God as a "loving, intimate Father" who is merciful and compassionate, not punitive).

- **Jesus' Sacrifice: Sin Forgiven, a Gift Received**

- **2 Corinthians 5:21:** "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (Supports the statement that God "punished Christ for everything" and therefore "there's nothing left for you" regarding sin).

- **Romans 5:8:** "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Reinforces the idea that Jesus' death was a demonstration of God's gift and love, not something earned by behavior).

- **Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14:** "And by that will we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God... For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy." (Further emphasizes the completeness of Jesus' sacrifice in taking away all sin—past, present, and future—as a gift to be received).

- **Desire for Relationship and Our True Identity as His Children**

- **John 1:12:** "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (Aligns with the idea that the Scriptures "identify our true nature as His children" and our identity is based on receiving His gift).

- **1 John 3:1:** "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (Highlights God's love and our identity as His children, which the sources state is foundational to understanding God).

- **Romans 8:38-39:** "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 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." (Underscores the **unconditional nature of God's love**, emphasizing that nothing can break the relationship He desires).

- **Matthew 7:11**: "If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!" (Illustrates God's character as a loving Father who gives good gifts, in contrast to the "strict father type" view that some hold).

These external verses align with the "unlearning God" concept by emphasizing God's love, grace, and desire for relationship over a rule-based or judgmental interaction, mirroring the core message of "Part 1" of the sources.