

Everyone's a Counselor #3 - "A Theology of God" (Heath Lambert) 3-27-2022
God's attributes of strength and care.

God's strength. "Human beings are always weak... they feel their weakness in particular ways."

Self-sufficiency	The greatest need of Jenny (an abuse victim). Justice in the courts? Safe friendships? Hospitalization?	Only God can address all of our weaknesses. God has no needs of His own, but we depend on Him. Acts 17:25 "... nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath..."
Infinity	We are called to be good, but we will never be infinitely good.	1 John 1:5 "God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all"
Omnipresence	When we are tempted to sneak away and sin, God tells us that we are accountable to Him.	Ps 139:7 "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?"
Omniscience	God knows everything. He knows you .	Ps 139:1-6 "LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I get up; You understand my thought from far away."
Omnisapience	A human could have all knowledge from the Internet, yet without wisdom it is useless.	James 1:5 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."
Omnipotence	God can do anything that is consistent with His desires as God.	Eph 1:11 "God... who works all things in accordance with the plan of His will."

God's care. "God is both tender and tough, caring and strong."

Holiness	Lev 11:45 "So you shall be holy, because I am holy." **Jenny's greatest need was holiness.	"The most significant counseling problem is often one that counselees did not know was a problem."
Faithfulness	John 17:17 "Sanctify them in the truth, Your Word is truth."	"The words we speak to counselees from the sufficiency of Scripture are completely trustworthy."
Goodness	Ps 119:68 "You are good and You do good."	God sets the standard for what is good. (e.g. not Rob Bell).
Love	"God is good in His <u>essence</u> , and His love is shown in His <u>compassion</u> ."	God's love overflows from His good character (see John 3:16).
Mercy and Grace	"Mercy is God's goodness to those who are in trouble."	"Grace is God's goodness to those who don't deserve it."
Wrath	Rom 12:17-21 "God commands us to live peaceably and avoid vengeance."	"God's care is a promise, to punish wrongdoers in His wrath."