It's a fallen world. We've all sinned against others, and we've been sinned against. We've all been deeply hurt, and we've all deeply hurt others. These wounds often negatively affect our perception of God. What if He is truly greater than we can imagine? Bart Millard was raised in a broken home by his angry and abusive father, Arthur. But Bart was not beyond God's sight and Arthur was not beyond God's grace. Neither are we.

**Biblical Focus:**
- Son reveals the Father – Jn. 1:18
- Adopted by the Father – Jn. 16:27, Eph. 1:4-8
- God is love – 1 Jn. 4:7-10
- The baptism of Jesus – Matt. 3:13-17
- The prodigal son – Lk. 15
- Children of God – 1 Jn. 3:1
- Father's love sending Jesus – 1 Jn. 3:16

In the Gospels, Jesus says He is able and willing to forgive our sins; He also says God's forgiveness is contingent upon our forgiving others. Yet God is faithful and gives us the virtues He requires of us. After years of abuse, Bart did not believe he could forgive Arthur, and Arthur did not believe he could be forgiven. God would prove them both wrong.

**Biblical Focus:**
- Jesus forgives & heals paralyzed man – Mk. 2:1-12
- Teaching on forgiveness – Matt. 6:9-15
- Jesus anointed by a sinful woman – Lk. 7:36-50
- Forgiveness and the cross – Lk. 23:34, Matt. 26:28
- Ultimate act of forgiveness – Mk. 15:34
- Parable of the Unforgiving Servant – Matt. 18:23-35
- Wandering sheep – Matt. 18:10-14

The Apostle Paul writes, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" When we profess faith in the risen Christ, God not only forgives our sins, but He gives us a new heart. Bart was in literal disbelief at the changes in Arthur's life. Bart would soon learn that all things are possible with God and even the hardest of hearts can be changed, including his own.

**Biblical Focus:**
- Man with leprosy – Matt. 8:1-5
- Jesus eats with Levi and sinners – Mk. 2:13-17
- Healing, Sabbath, rest – Matt. 12:1-14
- The Last Supper – Matt. 26:18-29

In addition to forgiveness of sins and a new heart, Jesus promises eternal life to all those who follow Him. It's one thing to claim to believe this, but it's another thing to live like it's true. Shortly after his reconciliation with Bart, Arthur lost his battle with cancer. However, God fulfilled His promise to comfort those who mourn. As Bart was grieving the death of his father, he penned a song about the hope of heaven that has comforted and inspired millions.

**Biblical Focus:**
- Jesus and Lazarus: hope beyond the grave – Jn. 11
- Resurrection texts – Matt. 28, Jn. 20
- Jesus comforts His Disciples, Jesus promises the Holy Spirit – Jn. 14
- At the home of Martha and Mary – Lk. 10:38-42