



A REDEMPTION STORY

with Scott Smith, Founder of Banished from Eden

▶ FOCUS VERSES

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,
2 Timothy 3:16

▶ DISCUSSION

Scott renounced his faith and was agnostic atheist for around 10 years. Then he says God showed up in an amazing way in his life. Scott admits he may always have questions but that he will never doubt God ever again.

- This is such an important concept to understand. It is natural and healthy to have questions. We as humans cannot physically comprehend all that God is and does. Do you agree? Have you ever struggled with not having all the answers?
- When someone asks a question about God or religion that you do not know the answer to or don't fully understand, how do you handle that situation?
- How do we share with our younger generation, a generation of instant answers, that is ok to not have all the answers?

Scott shared the sequence of events of how after 10 years of not talking to his mom he told her he loved her twice a mere two weeks before she unexpectedly passed away. Scott said he was spared. Spared the bitterness, anger, unforgiveness that he may have carried with him had he not been given the chance to reconnect with his mom.

- Looking back over your life, have you ever had a situation where you feel God has spared you some hardship?
- Have you ever experienced a situation where maybe God was trying to spare you, but you just wouldn't accept God's help?

On the way home from a hunting trip in the mountains, Scott finally said to himself that he had in fact heard enough and gave his life to Christ right on the end of the jet bridge waiting for his luggage.

- Have you accepted Christ into your life?
- If so, do you remember where you were when you made that decision?

Scott says he works really hard with this family to ask at every situation "What does the Bible say?" To use the Bible as their filter on how they approach decisions. Do you have anything you do with your family to help guide decisions in your family?

