

## Who is your god? - A Spiritual Exercise: Part 2

So far in this "Who is your god" series, we have explored the idea of God in different roles. We've imagined God as a pregnant mother, clean-soapy water, a gentle (or not so gentle) breeze, and a mysterious dancer.

Last week I asked you to draw a picture or diagram showing the way you understand relationships in your life right now. If you haven't done it, take a moment and go back to last week's devotion. Quickly sketch your thoughts before reading the rest of this devotion.

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Now, take out your picture and look at it with fresh eyes. What do you notice? Take a moment and jot down your responses to the following questions along with anything else you notice.

What does the way you drew the picture say about your relationship with your friends, family, and God?

With whom are you close? With whom are you estranged? How do you feel about your answers?

Now look at where God shows up. How does this reflect the kind of god you have right now?

Is God active and present in your life, distant and/or passive or something in between? When do you turn to God? When does God turn to you? How do you and God interact on a typical day? How do you and God interact in times of crisis or sorrow?

How do you feel about your answers? Is there anything you would like to change? Write all of these things down. We will come back to them later.