GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US

1.   **Before time began, God, knowing we would sin, created us.**   He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, 2 Tim 1:9-10

2.   **He died for us.**   "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." I Pet 2:24 This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. 1 John 4:10
Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:7

3.   **He calls us sons.** See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,[a] we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. I John 3:1-2

4.   **God glorifies Himself in us.** In him we were also chosen,[b] having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory   Eph 1:11-12

5.   **He's preparing a place for us beyond our imagination.**   However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"— the things God has prepared for those who love him— I Cor 2:9

Go through each of the 5 ways and share how you would view difficult circumstances in a different way if you were thinking of these.

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