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The Bible has been misused for a long time. Boy, a lot of religionists have used this to beat people to death, to make us feel unworthy of the God who loves us. Instead of this poor view, see it as the story of the living, loving God breaking through our misery and brokenness. It reflects how we have lost sight of Him. We thought of Him as being this angry taskmaster waiting to strike us when we misbehave. But the Bible was written so that we could discover, in Jesus, that He is a God of great love and mercy. It's that story that you want to capture.

If you don't know that story, you might want to check out the "Jesus lens" videos at thelivestream.org website. These and other resources help people view this book through the eyes of Jesus. These videos present God, interpreting the Bible in a lovely way. They help people to come to know God as he is, 'love itself in all of its glory.'

The Bible, when properly understood, grounds us in His love. I'd say this to Angela, "You don't have to read this. We get to! When you're ready to be invited into this book, not because someone says you must, but because the Holy Spirit is inviting you to discover God here, then He's will lead you through it in a way that will be transforming to you." Otherwise, we're just left to following our own impressions, and though I love that the Spirit of God speaks to us, and we've been talking about how God makes Himself known in a variety of ways, that's still never complete, never full, never absolutely clear. Neither are our interpretations of scripture. Sometimes we can interpret things very wrongly, but when you put the voice of the Spirit alongside the revelation of scripture, you have two things that confirm that "God **IS** love!"