

God, I have a Question?
"GOD, IF I BELIEVE WHY DO I STILL DOUBT?"

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- 1) The issue with DOUBT is not whether or not you are going to have it; the issue with doubt is what you are going to do with it.
- 2) Doubt, properly dealt with, can actually be faith building, and not faith ERODING.

"So they asked him, 'What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" (John 6:30-31)

"Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'" (John 6:32-33)

"Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." The Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.'" (John 6:34-35)

"At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They said, 'Is this, not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know?.....'" (John 6:41-42)

"Jesus said to them, 'I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. (John 6:53-55)

"Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you?' (John 6:61)

"From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. 'You do not want to leave too, do you?' Jesus asked the twelve." (John 6:66-67)

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord to whom shall we go?'" (John 6:68a)

- 3) Walking away from Jesus won't CLARIFY anything.

"You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68b-69)

- 4) If we knew all of the things that hang in the BALANCE, we would never consider walking away from Christ.

TIME WITH GOD

Memory Verse: “Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.” *Isaiah 40:30–31* (NIV)

Monday

Write down two things you learned about this passage from the sermon last weekend.

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- 2.

In what way do you feel like your faith needs to be re-energized?

Please read Psalm 84. How does this passage encourage your faith?

Thank God today that He is the one Who sustains you. Thank Him for the gift of faith. Talk to God about the ways you are struggling with your faith. Pray for encouragement and hope this week.

Tuesday

Please read Isaiah 40:1–2 & 61:7. What type of words does Isaiah use to describe God’s heart for His people?

How does it encourage you to know that God’s heart for you is described with words like “comfort” and “tender”?

In what way are you struggling with guilt? Read Romans 3:21–24. What do these verses teach about your standing with God?

How can you apply this truth to your struggle with guilt?

Thank God today for His amazing grace and mercy. Thank Him for His heart towards you. Pray that your actions will reflect the truth of God’s comfort and tenderness towards you. Pray that you will grow in your trust of God’s heart.

Wednesday

Please read Isaiah 40:6-8. How would you define your perspective on life?

What do these verses tell you about what you can count on?

How could this perspective impact your priorities?

Thank God today that His word stands forever. Thank Him for the opportunity to study the Bible. Pray that you will grow to have His perspective on life – that though it is fleeting there is opportunity to invest your life in something that will stand forever — God’s word.

Thursday

Please read Isaiah 6:1, 40:18–22. We have spent a lot of time over the last month talking about the immensity of our God, but it’s an important thing to have the right perspective on!

We are all tempted to compare God to something or someone, to fill voids we feel in our lives with. Who/What are you tempted to compare God to?

How does Isaiah describe God in these passages? How does it encourage you to read Isaiah’s perspective of God?

Thank God today that He is incomparable and all-powerful. Thank Him for true description of Him in the Bible. Pray that you will remember the immensity of God and that your faith will be refreshed and reenergized by who He is.

Friday

Please read Isaiah 40:30–31. In what way do you feel “tired and weary” right now?

According to these verses how does God strengthen you?

How could receiving strength from God reenergize your faith?

Thank God today that His strength never runs out. Thank Him for His care for you.

Pray about the ways you feel tired and weary. Ask God to help you relax in His care and strength and trust Him to give you exactly what you need.

Saturday

Please read Isaiah 40. As you take in the whole passage today, what personal insights do you have?

How has this passage impacted your faith?

Please pray for this weekend’s services. Pray that in all we do we will honor God and point people to Him.

Pray that people who attended our Christmas concerts and services will return.