

ADDRESSING DOUBTS AND QUESTIONS

If you are searching for answers about God, I am sure you have many hard questions. Your questions are probably similar to questions many people have wrestled with, including me. I want to take you down a little different road than just trying to answer all your questions right now. It may be a road that will be helpful to you.

We all want to fully understand things. However, I am still trying to figure out my husband. I am still trying to figure out my kids. Why do they do the things they do sometimes? What are their motivations for some of the things they do? Many times an action they will take just defies all reason and common sense in my brain. I am sure you have asked some of these same questions about your loved ones, too.

So, honestly, why do we think we can completely understand God, why He moves the way He does, why He doesn't move in some instances? If we could completely understand, file away, process and contain who He is and why He does what He does, He wouldn't be much of a God. Psalm 147:4 says "He determines the number of stars and calls them each by name." A quick search online told me there are approximately 1,000,000,000,000,000,000 stars. And He knows them each by name! I can't even keep my children's names straight. Habakkuk 3:6 tells us, "He stood and shook the earth. He looked and made nations tremble." Think about that. I mean, can you even grasp that power, that magnitude, that just a simple look or the action of standing could attain? We cannot begin to fathom or process the mind of God and why He does what He does. God is God, and we are not. His ways are so much higher than our ways.

If you wait to make a decision on your belief in God until every question you have about Him has an answer that connects in your brain, you will never get there. That is why it is called a step of faith. Hebrews 11:1 defines faith as "being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Faith is not an emotion or feeling or an "it" that can be attained. Having faith is an act of the will where you choose to believe what God says. Even though the answer to every question is not clearly laid out for us because there are so many unseen things, so many things that we won't understand clearly this side of heaven, so many questions we can't answer yet, faith chooses to take the information you do understand and believe about Him and then willfully chooses to believe the rest of it.

We do not have a God who is distant to us and uncaring. He created us for a relationship with Him. He longs to become our best friend. He pursues us during this life we live here on earth. He longs to reveal Himself to us. He loves us with a love we cannot even fathom. If you truly want to know Him and are searching for Him, and God is a God longing to reveal Himself to you, the two shall meet.

If for whatever reason you were not ready to make a decision to follow Jesus after reading through my article "Road to Salvation," then I would ask you to take this smaller step for now. If you really want to know if God is real or not and if everything you've heard about the life of Jesus, His death and resurrection, Heaven and eternity are true or not, why don't you try daily praying this prayer... "God, if you are real, I want to know you. Reveal yourself to me. If Jesus did die on the cross for my sins so that I can be forgiven, I want to know Him. Please open my eyes to see Him and open my ears to hear His voice. I know that if everything the Bible says is

true, you are powerful enough to intersect my life in the visible world with your Hand from the unseen world. I am ready to see you. Please reveal yourself to me.”

If you will daily speak that prayer and mean it, He will reveal Himself to you. It still blows me away how God moves. Sometimes it is through coincidences, sometimes through people He brings into our lives, sometimes that still, small voice, sometimes through nature. Paul tells us in Romans that just through creation alone, “God’s power and nature have been clearly seen so that men are without excuse.”

I know He is real because of my relationship with Him, how He has transformed my life, how He guides me, how He speaks to me. It’s why Jesus’ disciples never changed their position, never recanted, never wavered to the very end. They willingly chose to be burned at the stake, beheaded, crucified, etc., rather than change their story. They were that sure that Jesus was who He said He was.

I would like you to read through my writing titled “Mountains.” When you finally take that step of faith and believe that He is who He says He is, it’s like my story says – “the fog will begin to lift, and you will see His glory.” When you take that step of faith, He sends his Holy Spirit to live in your heart, and He opens up the scriptures to you, guides you into the truth, reveals God’s will for your life, helps you to pray. As one of my Bible teachers so aptly put it, “The Bible lives and breathes and becomes everything in life once you are saved. Until then, it is just words on the page.”

If reading this article has brought you to the point where you are ready to take that step of faith, please pray these words -- “Heavenly Father, I know that I am a sinner. I have been trying to do things my own way, in my own strength and by my own rules. I know that I am helpless to save myself. I ask you to forgive my sins. I do believe that your Son, the Risen Lord Jesus, died on the cross so that my sins could be forgiven. I know that He paid the price with His life so that I wouldn’t have to die in my sins. I thank you for this precious gift of grace, and I ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord of my life. Thank you for the assurance that I am forgiven and now know that I will one day be with you in heaven...in Jesus name, Amen.”

If you have prayed this prayer, I welcome you into the Kingdom of God as my brother/sister in Christ and as heir to all the promises of God. The Bible tells us that the angels in heaven are now rejoicing over you and that your name has been added to the Lamb’s Book of Life. Please e-mail me and let me know of your decision, as I want to pray for you, rejoice with you, and e-mail you some information to encourage you and to help you get started in your walk with the Lord. I would also suggest you read “And Your Name Is,” found on my writings page, to get an idea of who you are in Christ Jesus.

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