



The CASE for FAITH

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- Evolution
- God kills people
- Jesus is the only way to God
- How could a loving God send people to Hell?
- Because there is evil, a loving God cannot exist
- Miracles contradict science
- History is littered with oppression and violence
- I still have doubts, so I cannot be a Christian

I STILL HAVE DOUBTS, SO I CANNOT BE A CHRISTIAN

- Do all questions need to be answered before you can follow Jesus?
- Can a believer have reservations and/or doubts?
- Is there hope for those whose personality tends to draw them toward uncertainty or doubt?
- Is there a process for resolving doubts when they arise?

Do all your questions need to be answered before you can follow Jesus?

- **NO!!!**
- Jesus never criticized people for honest questions
- Asking questions does NOT mean you do not have faith
 - FAITH is not feelings
 - Emotions can vary.....they can be fickle
 - Doubt and faith can coexist

TRUE BELIEVERS

- Never doubt
- Always do the right thing
- Motives are always pure
 - Abraham “The father of the faith”
 - Peter “The preacher of Pentecost”

WHAT HOPE IS THERE FOR US?

- Jesus never gives up on us
- Your calling is still there
- Faith is a decision
 - Made by the will
 - Given that option by God's grace
 - Empowered by His Spirit
 - Proverbs 24:16

Thought the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.

John 7:17 “If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”

John 12:37 Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in Him.

WHAT PROCESS IS THERE TO DEAL WITH DOUBT?

- Realize it is a normal part of life
- Do His will
- “Jesus, Help my unbelief!”
- Faith comes by hearing the Word of God

WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT