

Series: "I WANT TO BELIEVE, BUT...."
Part 3: "GOD DOESN'T FEEL CLOSE"
Crossroads Community Church
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The Problem with "Goosebumps God":

- **Faith that's dependent on _____ is questionable
_____ at best**

⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)

A Reassuring Reminder:

- **If you don't always _____ God's presence, you're
not _____**

¹³ But I cry to you for help, LORD; in the morning my prayer comes before you. ¹⁴ Why, LORD, do you reject me and hide your face from me? Psalm 88:13-14 (NIV)

⁴⁶ About the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "ELI, ELI, LAMA SABACHTHANI?" that is, "MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?" Matthew 27:46 (NASB)

4 Reasons you may not FEEL God in your life:

- 1. Maybe you are _____ it**

¹¹ The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 19:11-13 (NIV)

- 2. Maybe you are not _____**

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)

- 3. Maybe your heart has _____**

³ When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. ⁴ For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." And you forgave the guilt of my sin. Psalm 32:3-5 (NIV)

- 4. Maybe God desires to draw you _____**

²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. Acts 17:26-27 (NIV)

⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

Sermon Notes:
