

**TOUCHY FEELIE**  
**Versions of God – Part 3**

**ON TV: On-Demand** God.

**ON TV: Party Pooper** God

**ON TV: Touchy Feelie** God

**ON TV:** How do you know you felt God?

**ON TV:** If you don't feel God today at Springbrook, **whose fault, is it?**

**ON TV:** What do you do if you don't feel God?

**ON TV:** If you don't always feel God's presence, **you are not alone.**

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "13 But **I cry to you for help**, O Lord; in the morning, my prayer comes before you. 14 Why, O Lord, do you reject me and hide your face from me?" Psalm 88:13-14

**ON TV:** "Even, though **I walk through the valley of the shadow of death**, I will fear no evil, for you are with me..." Psalm 23:4

**ON TV:** "My God, my God, why have you **forsaken me?**" Matthew 27:46

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** Maybe we don't feel God because we're over **HYPING** it.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "30 They asked Jesus, 'What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe in you? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" John 6:30-31

**ON TV:** Feeling **are not evidence of the presence of God**. Feelings are **not** the only evidence that God is with us.

**ON TV:** "Without faith, it is impossible to please God..." Hebrews 11:6

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** We may not feel God because maybe our **HEART HAS HARDENED**.

**ON TV/OUTLINED:** "14 You'll be ever hearing, **but never understanding**; you will be ever seeing, **but never perceiving**. 15 For this people's **heart has become calloused**; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes." Matthew 13:14-15

**ON TV: Sin** in our life **separates** us from God.

**ON TV:** Sin **breaks the intimacy** we have with God

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and **renew a right spirit within me**. 12 Restore to me **the joy of your salvation** and grant me a willing spirit, **to sustain me**." Psalm 51:10, 12

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** Maybe we don't feel God and He is using that feeling to **DRAW US CLOSER** to Him.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** "From one man God made all the nations that they should inhabit the whole earth. He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did that 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

**ON TV:** Deprivation draws out **desire**.

**ON TV:** Familiarity breeds **contempt**. Absence makes the heart grow **fonder**.

**ON TV:** "I **thirst** for him in a dry and weary land." Psalm 63:1

**ON TV:** Just because God **feels silent** does not mean that he is **absent**.

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “If you seek me with all your heart, **you will find me.**” Jeremiah 20:9

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “But **you seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33

**ON TV: SELF-DECEPTION** always takes us in a bad direction.

**ON TV:** “Natural selection cannot explain some undeniable phenomenon.” – Thomas Nagel

**ON TV:** “**I want atheism to be true**, and I’m made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers. It isn’t just that I don’t believe in God, and naturally, hope that I’m right in my belief, it’s that **I hope there is no God.** I don’t want there to be a God; I don’t want the universe to be like that.”  
– Thomas Nagel

**ON TV:** There is a critical difference between “**I DON’T** believe it” and “I don’t **WANT** to believe it.”

**ON TV:** “I don’t want to believe it” has to do with our **WILL.**

**ON TV:**

- Did you lose faith over **something that happened** to you or that you **read**?
- Did you lose faith, or did you step away because the **information just wasn’t there**, and you kept getting Sunday School answers to your fact-based questions?
- Did you decide to stop believing because faith got to be **inconvenient**?

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**ON TV:** “People almost invariably arrive at their beliefs not on the basis of proof, **but on the basis of what they find attractive.**” – Blaise Pascal

**ON TV:** We are not on a truth quest. We are on a **happiness** quest.

**ON TV:** “We love the truth when it enlightens us. We hate the truth when it **convicts us.**” – St. Augustine

**ON TV:** When we won’t **acknowledge** what we suspect to be true and when we won’t look because of the **fear** of what we might see, it means there’s **something else** going on.

**ON TV:** What is it that causes us **not to be willing**?

**ON TV:** “God **demonstrated** his love for you...” Romans 5:8

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “8 **Come near** to God and God will **come near to you.** 9 Wash your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts, you double minded. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up.” James 4:8-10

**ON TV/OUTLINE:** “Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, **he gave the right to become children of God.**” John 1:12

**ON TV:** No matter what you feel or even think about God, **God is crazy about YOU!**