



Doubting God Part 6: When You Feel Abandoned By God!

How to Respond When You Feel Abandoned by God:

- **Remember that Jesus can sympathize!**

At noon, darkness fell across the whole land until three o'clock. 46 At about three o'clock, Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" - Matthew 27:45-46 NLT

This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. - Hebrews 4:15-16 NLT

- **Remind yourself that God will never abandon you!**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Why are you so far away when I groan for help? 6 But I am a worm and not a man. I am scorned and despised by all! 7 Everyone who sees me mocks me. They sneer and shake their heads, saying, 8 "Is this the one who relies on the Lord? Then let the Lord save him! If the Lord loves him so much, let the Lord rescue him!" 16 My enemies surround me like a pack of dogs; an evil gang closes in on me. They have pierced my hands and feet. 17 I can count all my bones. My enemies stare at me and gloat. 18 They divide my garments among themselves and throw dice for my clothing. - Psalm 22:1,6-8, 16-18 NLT

For he has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; he has not hidden his face from him but has listened to his cry for help. - Psalm 22:24 NIV

For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." - Hebrews 13:5 NLT

- **Turn your "Why, God?" into "What, God?"**

While Jesus was here on earth, he offered prayers and pleadings, with a loud cry and tears, to the one who could rescue him from death. And God heard his prayers because of his deep reverence for God. 8 Even though Jesus was God's Son, he learned obedience from the things he suffered. - Hebrews 5:7-8 NLT

So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. - 2 Corinthians 12:7 NLT

In this way, God qualified him as a perfect High Priest, and he became the source of eternal salvation for all those who obey him. - Hebrews 5:9 NLT

TALK IT OVER

- What are some differences between asking God “why” and asking Him “what”? Have you experienced this shift in your life?
- Talk about a time when you felt loved and seen by God. How can you remember that moment when it’s harder to feel His presence?
- Read Hebrews 4:15-16. What bold prayers, questions, or concerns do you have for God? How can you approach Him with these things this week?

Suggested Reading Plan: [Doubting God](#)

Announcements:

- **Sunday Service @ 10 AM.** Nursery for children up to age 4 on weeks 2, 3 & 4; KidZone for ages 5-11.
- **Girl’s Ministry** for grades K-6 *on Wednesdays @ 5:30 PM.*
- **Finish Line Youth** for ages 12-12th grade *Wednesdays @ 7 PM.*
- **Easter Service** March 31st @ 10 AM. He’s alive! Come celebrate with us!
- **Men’s Movie Night** April 6 @ 6:30 PM @ New Life! See James Kimberly for more info!
- **Teen Girls Retreat** April 13, 10 AM to 2 PM. See Sharee for more info!



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