



Thanks For Being Our Guest

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CROSSBRIDGE**

CONNECT CARD

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 I AM A NEW VISITOR I AM A NEW CHURCH MEMBER

My First Step is:

- I AM CONSIDERING VISITING THE CHURCH
- I WANT TO VISIT THE CHURCH
- I WANT TO VISIT THE CHURCH WITH MY FAMILY
- I WANT TO VISIT THE CHURCH WITH MY FRIENDS

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NEXT STEPS

APRIL 8TH AND 15TH
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BAPTISM

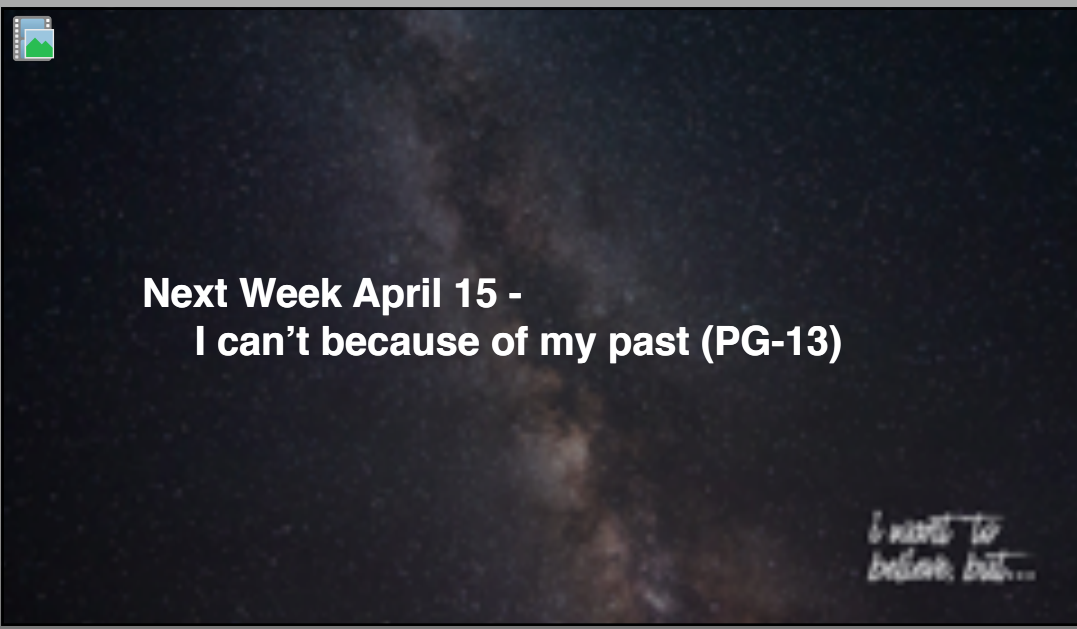
Sunday, May 6th





John 2:23
p. 887

I want to believe, but...



Next Week April 15 -
I can't because of my past (PG-13)

I want to believe, but...



I can't because of my religious background

*I want to
believe, but...*



John 2: ²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

*I want to
believe, but...*



²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

Matthew 7:21-23

I want to believe, but...



⁵ Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

2 Corinthians 13:5

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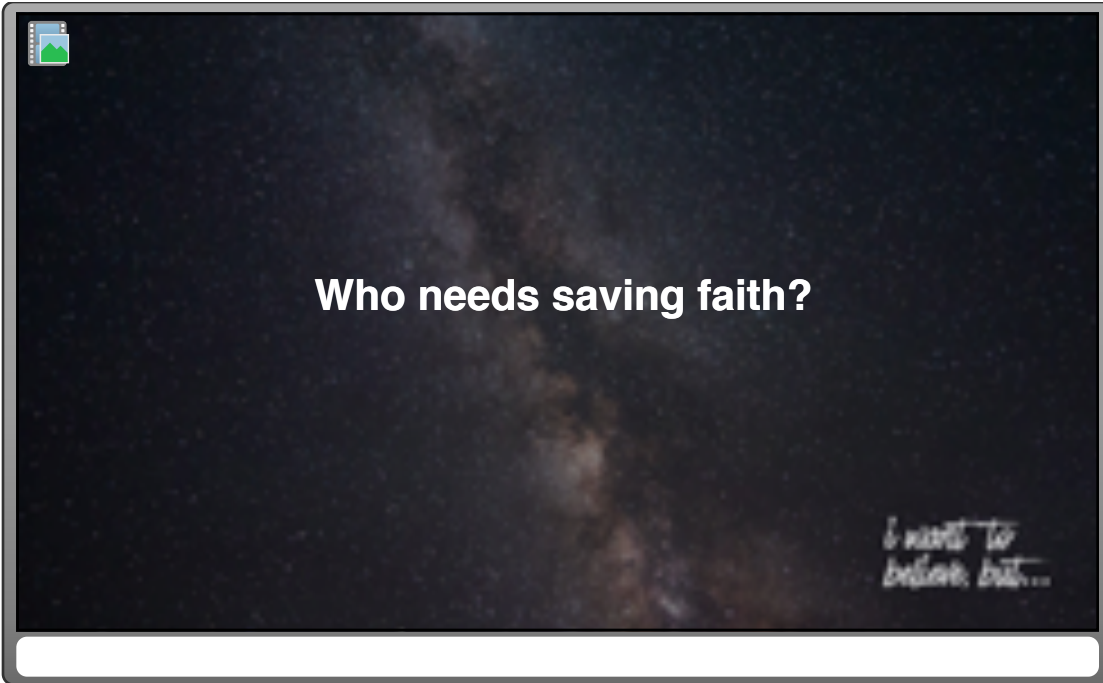
John 3:¹ Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.² This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.”

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Who needs saving faith?

I want to believe, but...



**Who needs saving faith?
Everybody**

I want to believe, but...



³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

I want to believe, but...



⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

I want to believe, but...



²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I want to believe, but...



I want to believe, but...



⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?"

I want to believe, but...



¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

I want to believe, but...



And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

Ephesians 2:1

I want to believe, but...



**“Sin didn’t knock us down to God’s JV team
or put us on probation or put you on a slower
track to get our mansion in heaven.
Sin wiped us out.”**

Louie Giglio.

I want to believe, but...



Why do we need saving faith?

*I want to
believe, but...*



**Why do we need saving faith?
We are dead in our sin**

*I want to
believe, but...*



16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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HOW DO YOU RECEIVE THIS?

I want to believe, but...



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1. Repent

*I want to
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**Dear God, I need you. Please forgive me
of all my sins because of Jesus.
I believe that you sent Jesus to die for me
and He is alive today. I surrender my life
to you completely. Make me your child
and a part of your family forever.
In Jesus' name, Amen.**

*I want to
believe, but...*

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