



3. Mothers Day Main Promo



4. Parent Commissioning

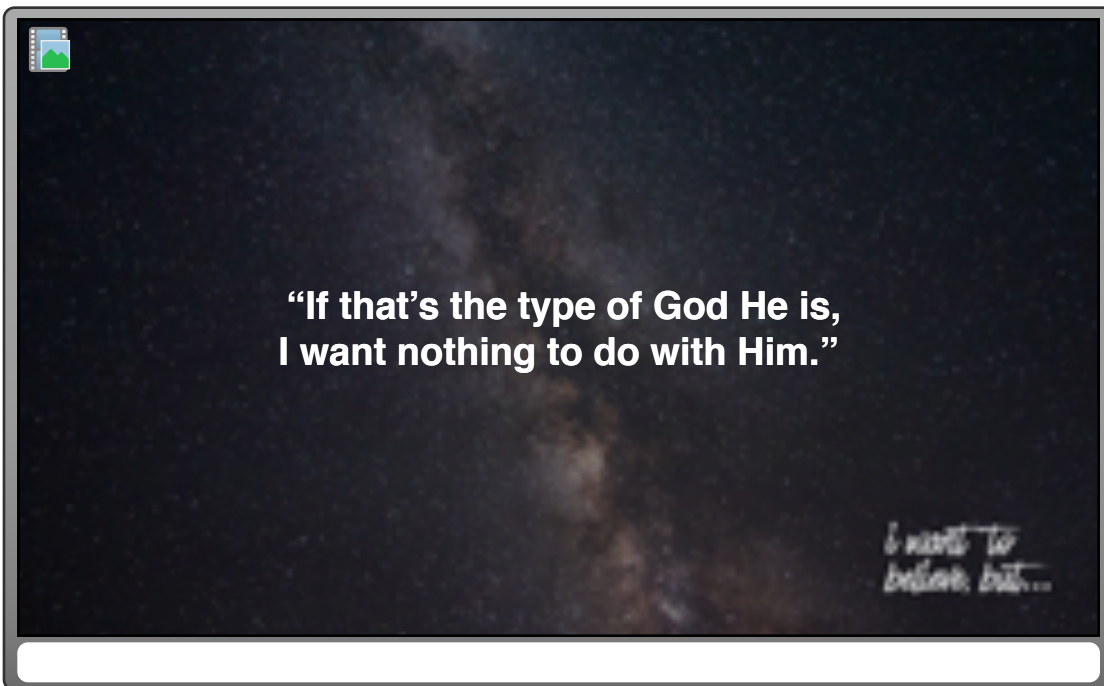




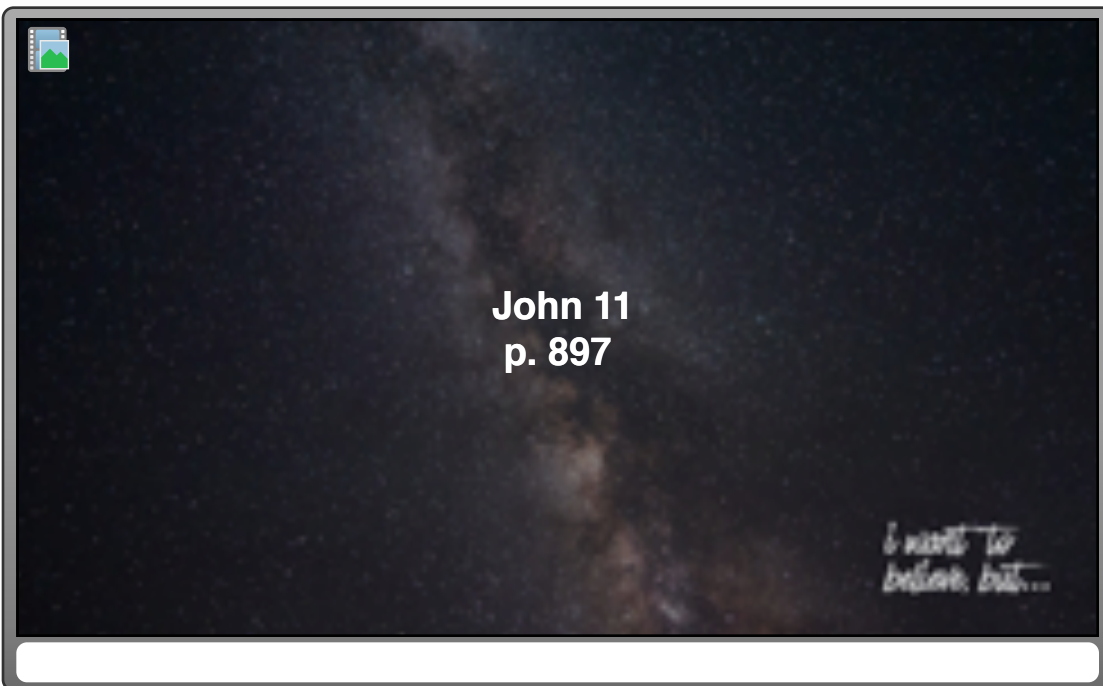
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John 11:1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

I want to believe, but...



⁴ But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵ Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. ⁶ So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

I want to believe, but...



¹¹ After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." ¹² The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." ¹³ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died,¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶ So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

I want to believe, but...



¹⁷ Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸ Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother.²⁰ So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house.

I want to believe, but...



²¹ Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." ²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

I want to believe, but...



²⁴ Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." ²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" ²⁷ She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

I want to believe, but...



²⁸ When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."²⁹ And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

I want to believe, but...



³¹ When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled.

I want to believe, but...



³⁴ And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus wept. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

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³⁸ Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

I want to believe, but...



41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. 42 I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." 43 When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out."

I want to believe, but...



44 The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

I want to believe, but...



THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT SUFFERING

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believe, but...*



THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT SUFFERING

1. Suffering is the result of the curse of death on our sin.

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believe, but...*



The Bible doesn't wrestle with the problem of evil and suffering as much as it marvels at God's amazing Grace

I want to believe, but...



THREE IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT SUFFERING

1. Suffering is the result of the curse of death on our sin.
2. God in His love and mercy, has reversed the curse by suffering it in our place.

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³⁵ Jesus wept.

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**Jesus sets us free from our spiritual death
and one day our physical death**

*I want to
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And you were dead in the trespasses and sins... ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus

- Ephesians 2:1a & 4-6

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2. God in His love and mercy, has reversed the curse by suffering it in our place.
3. God can now use our suffering redemptively for His glory and our good.

I want to believe, but...



Three Options when God lets you down

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believe, but...*



Three Options when God lets you down Lose Your Faith

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Three Options when God lets you down

Lose Your Faith

Isolate that Question from Your Faith

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Press Deeper into Your Faith

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28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose

-Romans 8:28

I want to believe, but...



20 As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

-Genesis 50:20

I want to believe, but...



