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# Questions

Have you ever asked God WHY...?

Have you ever asked God WHY NOT...?



#### Matthew 11:1-6

After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.2 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3 to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"4 Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5 The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

# John 3:30-31

30 He must become greater; I must become less."31 The one who comes from above is above all; the one who is from the earth belongs to the earth, and speaks as one from the earth. The one who comes from heaven is above all.

#### Matthew 9:10-15

10 While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 13 But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."14 Then John's disciples came and asked him, "How is it that we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?"15 Jesus answered, "How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast.

# We Pray Prayers

- that God will change things
- that God won't change things
- that God will fix things
- that God will leave us alone

# Question God

I've done all this for you Jesus and this is what I get?

# Romans 3:10

10 As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;

#### Psalm 53:1-3

1 The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and their ways are vile; there is no one who does good. 2 God looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. 3 Everyone has turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

#### 1 Corinthians 3:12

KJV- 12 Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

NIV- 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,

### Matthew 11:6

6 Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

# Quote

"You will be especially happy, John, if you will not be disappointed in Me."- R.R.

#### Matthew 11:7-15

7 As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? 8 If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9 Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:"'I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' 11 Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

#### Cont.

▶ 12 From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been subjected to violence, and violent people have been raiding it. 13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. 15 Whoever has ears, let them hear.

#### Quote

"Influenc is less about a number and more about an impact. Don't be discouraged by your platform, focus on the depth of your relationships."-CS

#### Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

# Reality

(Like John) His plans for your life may not match your expectations.

#### Ecclesiastes 3:11

11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.