

“I Believe! Help my Unbelief!”

Mark 9:14-29

Do you believe God, when he says that knowing him is more valuable than making a lot of money, or being super smart, or having an attractive body?

(See Jeremiah 9:23-24)

Do you believe God, when he says that he's working your current life situation for good?

(See Romans 8:28)

Do you believe God, when he says that the reason why he loves you is simply because he loves you—*not* because of what you've done or what you have to offer?

(See Deuteronomy 7:7-8)

Do you believe God, when he says that he can do far more abundantly than all you could ask or think?

(See Ephesians 3:20)

Do you believe God, when he says that dying to yourself, and willingly giving up your life for Christ's sake is the only way to truly find life?

(See Mark 8:34-38)

Do you believe God, when he says that you are no longer a slave to fear? (See Hebrews 2:14-15)

Do you believe God, when he says that you are no longer a slave to sin? (See Romans 6:6-7)

Do you believe God when he says that *nothing* can separate you from his love? (See Romans 8:38-39)

Yes— I believe!!

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What are the things in my life that when I do them, they bring me *closer to Jesus*?

Just as belief is starved by *fasting* from grace,
unbelief is starved by *feasting* on grace.

“Unbelief is starved by our attentiveness to grace.”

—Scott McClellan

"God already knows that we our doubters! Our calling is not to pretend that we have no doubts, but to come to Jesus with our doubts."

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Q: Why can we have hope in our *weak* faith?

A: Because it is the *object* of your faith— not the *strength* of your faith— that saves you.

→ Weak faith in a strong savior is infinitely more powerful than strong faith in a weak savior.

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Do you believe God, when he says that you will be declared as “righteous” on Judgement Day, if you have Christ as your advocate through faith in him?

(See 1 John 2:1-2, 2 Corinthians 5:21)