



# Real Answers

The following pages contain real questions from similar survey outreaches.

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Taking the Gospel where the people are.

*"The Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost" –Luke 19:10.*

On the following pages, you'll see the format of the email that you—or a member of your team—will receive when responding to a survey question from someone who has requested a reply.

Every survey is different, but typically only about 10–20% of participants ask for a response. However, when someone does request an answer, it often reflects a deeper level of sincerity and openness—they're not just curious, they're truly seeking.

We'll help you identify the right people within your staff or church to oversee different categories of questions, such as:

- The problem of suffering
- Theological questions
- Questions about the church



- Family and relationship issues
- Grief and loss
- Questions from youth or children

Some churches prefer for pastors or staff to handle all responses. Others choose to involve trusted leaders across the church—creating a powerful discipleship opportunity as people learn to thoughtfully and biblically engage real-life questions.

Each designated leader will receive an email like the examples shown in the following pages. These emails will include:

- The participant's email
- Their age range
- Their submitted question
- A carefully prepared sample response

From there, your team can send the response as-is, personalize it, or adapt it as needed—allowing you to respond with both clarity and care while saving valuable time.

You'll also notice that every email creates the opportunity for a face-to-face meeting if the participant wants to know more.

Our desire is to be:

- Brief
- Biblical
- And to offer an opportunity for more conversation and a deeper connection

Let us know if you have any questions. We're glad to help any way we can.

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Your Question: **How do I know that I believe in god enough? Because I know he is real and I believe in him but how do I know it's enough?**

In answer to your question, you can't measure faith by how much you *feel* it, but by *Who* it's in. Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed... nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20, CSB). Salvation is not about having "enough" faith—it's about trusting the right Savior.

The Bible teaches that we are saved by grace through faith—not by works (Ephesians 2:8–9). Faith is taking God at His Word and trusting in Jesus alone for salvation. Even weak faith, if it's placed in the true Christ, saves—because it's not the strength of your faith that saves you, but the strength of the One you put your faith in.

Ask yourself: Have I turned from my sin and received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior? (Romans 10:9–10) Do I depend on Him alone, not my good works, for forgiveness? If so, God promises, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13).

You can rest in His promises, not your performance. “These things I have written to you... that you may *know* that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13). God wants you to know for certain that you have eternal and eternal life doesn’t just begin when you die—it begins the moment you give your life to Him. Once you have made that decision, you can walk with the Lord and know Him and experience the life He created you to have as you continually grow closer to Him.

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In answer to your question, forgiving yourself starts with believing what God says about your forgiveness in Christ. If you have repented and trusted Jesus, your sins—past, present, and future—are fully

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forgiven (1 John 1:9; Psalm 103:12). The cross is enough for the failures you grieve, including not raising your children in the faith.

Satan wants you to stay in guilt, but Romans 8:1 says, “There is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus.” That means God no longer holds your sins against you—so you can’t hold them against yourself.

Your role now is not to live in regret but to walk in faith and obedience today. Philippians 3:13–14 reminds us to forget what is behind and press on toward the goal. You cannot rewrite the past, but you can live faithfully in the present—praying for your children, loving them, and speaking the gospel into their lives.

Trust that God can work even in the midst of their struggles. He is able to bring beauty from ashes (Isaiah 61:3) and to turn wandering hearts back to Him (Luke 15:20).

Lay your failures at the cross daily. Thank Jesus that His grace covers them. Then, instead of dwelling on guilt, devote your energy to being a faithful follower of Jesus now. As 2 Corinthians 5:17 promises, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!”

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In answer to your question, your purpose begins with what God has already revealed in His Word. Scripture says we are called first to salvation in Christ (2 Timothy 1:9), to love God and others (Matthew 22:37–39), to live godly lives (Colossians 3), and to make disciples (Matthew 28:19–20). These are true for every believer.

When it comes to specific direction—where to serve, what to do—you discern God's will by aligning your heart with His Word and seeking the Spirit's guidance. Romans 12:1–2 says to present yourself as a living sacrifice and be transformed by the renewing of your mind, "that you may prove what is the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God."

Ask: Does this path honor God? Does it match the gifts and opportunities He has given me (1 Peter 4:10)? Does it bear the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23)? God's will never contradicts His Word.

Often, God leads step by step. Proverbs 3:5–6 promises, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own

understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Be faithful where you are now, and He will open the right doors in His timing.

Remember, your “calling” is not just a job or role—it’s a daily life of knowing God (John 17:3) and living for His glory (Colossians 3:17). As you walk closely with Him, you will find that your desires begin to match His (Psalm 37:4), and you can step forward in confidence, knowing He will guide you.

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Your Question: **How do I devote myself to god fully**

In answer to your question, devoting yourself fully to God begins where Jesus said the greatest commandment lies: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37). Full devotion is giving Him every part of your life—your thoughts, desires, time, and actions—out of love and gratitude for what He has done in Christ.

Romans 12:1–2 calls us to present our bodies as "a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God... and not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." This means daily surrender—choosing His will over your own, letting His Word shape your thinking, and allowing His Spirit to lead you.

You devote yourself through spiritual disciplines: prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17), Bible study (Psalm 119:105), worship (Psalm 95:6), fellowship with other believers (Hebrews 10:24–25), and obedience (John 14:15). You also guard against distractions, sins, and idols that compete for your heart (1 John 5:21; Hebrews 12:1–2).

Colossians 3:17 sums it up: "Whatever you do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Devotion is not just about church activities—it's about

growing close to Christ and living every moment for His glory, whether at work, home, or in service.

As you fix your eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2) and remember His love shown at the cross (Romans 5:8), your heart will naturally grow more devoted. True devotion flows from knowing Him deeply, loving Him completely, and following Him faithfully.

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Your Question: **Why is there suffering and evil?**

In answer to your question, suffering and evil exist because of humanity's fall into sin and the brokenness it brought into God's perfect creation. In the beginning, "God saw all that he had made, and it was very good" (Genesis 1:31, NIV). Evil was not part of His original design. But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God (Genesis 3), sin entered the world, and with it came death, pain, and suffering (Romans 5:12).

Moral evil—things like hatred, murder, and injustice—flows from humanity's sinful nature. Jesus taught that "it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come" (Mark 7:21–23, NIV). Natural evil—disasters, disease, and death—are also a result of the curse on creation. The Apostle Paul explained, "The creation was subjected to frustration...in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay" (Romans 8:20–21, NIV).

God does not cause evil, but He allows it for His purposes. He can use suffering to draw people to Himself, strengthen faith, and display His glory. Joseph, sold into slavery and wronged by his brothers, could say, "You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good" (Genesis 50:20, NIV).

Ultimately, God has acted to defeat evil through Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus bore the penalty for sin (2 Corinthians 5:21), and in His resurrection, He secured victory over death (1 Corinthians 15:54–57). While suffering remains for now, believers have the promise that one day God “will wipe every tear...There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain” (Revelation 21:4, NIV).

Suffering reminds us that the world is not as it should be—and points us to the hope we have in Christ.

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In answer to your question, sin is anything that goes against God's character, commands, or will. The Bible says, "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness" (1 John 3:4, NIV). God's moral standard has not changed between the Old and New Testaments—what was sinful in God's eyes remains sinful—though some Old Testament ceremonial and civil laws were given specifically to Israel under the Old Covenant and are no longer binding (Acts 10:13–15; Colossians 2:16–17).

In the Old Testament, God gave moral commands such as the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1–17), which forbid idolatry, dishonoring God's name, murder, adultery, stealing, lying, and coveting. These moral principles are reaffirmed in the New Testament (Romans 13:8–10; Ephesians 4:25–32). However, ceremonial laws (dietary restrictions, sacrifices, ritual purity) pointed to Christ and were

fulfilled in Him (Hebrews 10:1–10). Civil laws for Israel’s theocracy do not apply directly today, though their principles reveal God’s justice.

The New Testament gives many lists of sins to avoid, including sexual immorality, impurity, idolatry, hatred, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, drunkenness (Galatians 5:19–21); greed, slander, gossip, arrogance, disobedience to parents (Romans 1:29–32); and hypocrisy, envy, and deceit (1 Peter 2:1). Jesus summarized God’s commands into two: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37–40).

While no one can keep God’s law perfectly, believers are called to “be holy in all you do” (1 Peter 1:15, NIV) and to confess and turn from sin when they stumble (1 John 1:9). The Christian life is not about checking off a legal list but about walking daily in obedience through the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16).

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Your Question: **Why do others have to pay for others choices and decisions?**

In answer to your question, the reason others sometimes suffer because of someone else's choices is that we live in a fallen, sinful world. When people make wrong choices, their actions can have effects that reach beyond themselves. For example, when Cain killed Abel, he was punished, but the consequences also affected his family and community (Genesis 4:10–12). Even Adam and Eve's sin brought death and hardship to all of humanity (Romans 5:12).

God's justice makes sure each person is responsible for their own sins. Romans 14:12 (NIV) says, "So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God." People do not escape punishment for their own sins. But because life is interconnected, others can feel the natural results of someone else's wrongdoing.

Even when this happens, God can still use it for good. Joseph's brothers meant to hurt him by selling him into slavery, but God used it to save many lives (Genesis 50:20). This shows that while we live in a broken world, God is in control and can bring hope and growth from situations that seem unfair.

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In short, others may experience the consequences of someone else's choices because sin affects more than just the sinner, but God remains just and can bring good even from those situations. This reminds us of the seriousness of sin and the importance of trusting God in all circumstances.

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In answer to your question, the Bible teaches that God allows struggles—whether mental, physical, or spiritual—to help us grow and become more like Him. Life is not free from pain, but God uses trials to shape our character and strengthen our faith. But facing struggles is also different when you know Christ.

James 1:2–4 (NIV) says, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.” This passage shows that God allows trials so our faith can be tested and refined. Trials teach us patience, trust, and dependence on Him.

Peter also explains this idea in 1 Peter 1:6–7 (NIV): “In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” Just like gold is purified by fire, our faith is strengthened and purified through struggles.

Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NIV) about his “thorn in the flesh.” God told him, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” This shows that through our weaknesses and struggles, God works to make us more like Christ.

In short, God allows struggles not to harm us, but to purify us, grow our faith, and draw us closer to Him, shaping us into His image and preparing us for eternal life.

Knowing and following Christ doesn’t mean you won’t face struggles, but it does mean that life is different when they come—because as a Christian, you are never alone. You can stand on God’s strength and promises, and His grace provides everything you need. And you can know that God will turn all things to the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

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In answer to your question, discerning God's plan begins with understanding that His will is revealed primarily through His Word, prayer, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Scripture teaches, *"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight"* (Proverbs 3:5–6, NIV). Even when we do not understand the reason behind a circumstance, we can trust that God's purposes are perfect and for our good (Romans 8:28).

To determine if something is God's plan:

1. **Check it against Scripture.** God will never direct you to do something contrary to His commands. Psalm 119:105 says, *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*

2. **Pray for guidance.** James 1:5 encourages, *“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.”* Prayer aligns your heart with God’s will and opens your eyes to His direction.
3. **Seek godly counsel.** Proverbs 11:14 reminds us, *“For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.”* Trusted pastors, mentors, or mature believers can help you see God’s plan more clearly.
4. **Look for confirmation through circumstances and the Spirit’s leading.** Sometimes doors open or close, and peace or conviction confirms God’s guidance (Colossians 3:15).

Submitting to God’s plan, even when you do not understand it, means trusting Him completely and obeying faithfully. Jesus is the ultimate example: in Gethsemane, He prayed, *“Not my will, but yours be done”* (Luke 22:42, NIV). Obedience requires faith that God’s wisdom and timing surpass ours.

In practice, this means acting with integrity, keeping a prayerful heart, and continuing to serve faithfully, even in uncertainty. Trusting God in the unknown is an act of surrender, remembering that His purposes are always for our ultimate good and His glory.

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In answer to your question, when your child makes bad choices, it can be very hard as a parent. But the Bible reminds us that God loves our children even more than we do. Our job is to guide them with truth, love, and patience. Proverbs 22:6 says, "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it." This means parents should keep pointing their children back to God, even when they fail.

First, remind your child that every choice has consequences. Galatians 6:7 says, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." Bad choices bring pain, but God's Spirit can lead them back to the right path. Help them see that sin doesn't have the final word if they repent and turn back to God.

Second, show them grace, just like God shows us. Romans 2:4 says that God's kindness leads us to repentance. Sometimes your child needs to feel your love and forgiveness as a picture of God's love. That doesn't mean ignoring sin—it means correcting them with love, while always pointing them to the cross of Jesus.

Finally, teach them how to listen to the Holy Spirit. Remind them that the Spirit lives in every believer to guide us (John 14:26). Encourage prayer, reading the Bible, and confessing sin quickly. Let them see your example of walking with God, because children often learn more by watching than by words alone.

When you guide with truth, love, and prayer, you are helping your child see that the best choice is always to repent and follow God.

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In answer to your question, the Bible tells us that history is moving toward a great conclusion. While some Christians disagree on details, many Southern Baptists believe in what is called a **pre-tribulation view of the rapture**. That means Jesus will first come to take His church—those who believe in Him—out of the world before a time of great suffering called the **tribulation**.

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17 says, “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.” This is the rapture, when believers are taken to be with Jesus.

After the rapture, the world will go through seven years of great trouble and judgment, known as the tribulation (Revelation 6–19).

During this time, God's wrath will be poured out, but it will also be a time when many turn to Christ.

At the end of the tribulation, Jesus will return visibly to the earth in power and glory—the **second coming**—to defeat His enemies and set up His kingdom (Revelation 19:11–16). He will reign for 1,000 years, often called the **Millennial Kingdom** (Revelation 20:1–6).

Finally, after this reign, everything touched by sin will be destroyed and there will be the **Great White Throne Judgment** (Revelation 20:11–15), where all unbelievers will be judged. After that, God will create a new heaven and new earth where His people will live with Him forever (Revelation 21:1–4).

God didn't give us all the details about the end times. Some people try to use the book of Revelation as a map for a timeline but the purpose of this book wasn't to give a timeline—The purpose was to encourage believers to stay faithful, showing that Jesus Christ is in control and will ultimately defeat evil. Regardless of what people will face in the future, we should always be ready, because Jesus could come at any time.

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In answer to your question, the Bible does not give us a specific age of accountability, like 8 or 12 years old. Instead, it teaches that every person is accountable to God when they are old enough to understand right from wrong, that they have done wrong, and to know their need for Jesus. This means the age may be different for each child.

Deuteronomy 1:39 shows this idea when God said of the little ones in Israel, "your children who do not yet know good from bad—they will enter the land." This suggests that children who are too young to understand sin and responsibility are not held accountable in the same way as adults.

King David also expressed this hope when his baby died. In 2 Samuel 12:23 he said, "I will go to him, but he will not return to me." David believed that his child was safe with God. This gives us confidence

that God shows mercy to little ones who cannot yet choose to follow Him.

The Bible shows that all people are born with a sinful nature (Romans 3:23), but God's grace covers children until they are old enough to make their own decision about Christ. When a child is old enough to understand right and wrong, and they have come to the knowledge that they have done wrong things, they can then understand their need for a Savior. In hearing the gospel, the Holy Spirit will convict their hearts, but they must choose to repent and believe in Jesus to be saved (John 3:16).

So, the age of accountability is not a set number. It depends on each child's ability to understand sin, his personal responsibility, and the message of salvation.

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In answer to your question, losing your sister is very painful, and it's normal to ask *why* God would take her home. The Bible reminds us that our lives are in God's hands. Psalm 139:16 (NIV) says, *"All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."* This means God knew the exact number of your sister's days, and He called her home at the right time, even if it feels too soon to us.

As believers, we can be sure that death is not the end. Jesus said in John 11:25 (NIV), *"I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."* If your sister had

received Christ as her Savior and Lord, her sins were already forgiven, not because of how “good” she lived, but because of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross (1 John 1:9, NIV). We don’t have to hope our loved one was “good enough,” because salvation is not based on works—it’s based on faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8–9, NIV).

When a person has trusted in Christ, you can rest with confidence that they are safe with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NIV) says, *“We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”* For the Christian, death means being at home with Jesus.

It’s okay to grieve, but don’t grieve without hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13, NIV). One day, because of Christ, you will see your sister again in Heaven. Until then, lean on God’s comfort, remembering His promise in Revelation 21:4 (NIV): *“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.”*

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In answer to your question, it can be very hard when someone you love doesn't want to go to church with you or has no interest in Christ. As a wife, you want your husband to know Jesus and grow in faith, but you can't force him. Arguing will only push him away. The Bible gives guidance for this. In 1 Peter 3:1-2 (NIV), it says, *"Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives."*

This means the best way to influence your husband is not by arguing but by living out your faith with love, patience, and respect. He may resist your words, but he cannot deny the witness of your life.

Keep praying for him daily. James 5:16 (NIV) reminds us, *“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”* Ask God to open his heart, and trust that God is working even when you can’t see it.

Keep your own walk with God strong—read Scripture, pray, and stay connected to the church family, even if it means going without him for now. Hebrews 10:25 (NIV) says, *“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another.”*

Show your husband Christ’s love through kindness, forgiveness, and humility. Trust God’s timing. You may not be able to change his heart, but God can. Keep loving him and living faithfully, and let the Lord do the work only He can do.

Then, finally, in addition to living out a faithful Christian life in front of him, and praying for him, don’t be afraid to talk with him about Christ as God gives opportunity.

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In answer to your question, it's normal to go through times when motivation feels hard, even as a Christian. Loving God and worshipping Him doesn't mean we will always feel strong or excited every day. The good news is that God understands, and He promises to give us strength when we feel weak. Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) says, *"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."*

One way to grow spiritual motivation is by staying close to God in His Word. Even when you don't "feel" like it, open the Bible and let His truth speak to your heart. Psalm 119:105 (NIV) says, *"Your word is a*

*lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*” God’s Word gives guidance and encouragement when we are struggling.

Another way is through prayer—not just asking, but listening and resting in God’s presence. Philippians 4:6–7 (NIV) reminds us that when we bring everything to God, His peace will guard our hearts and minds.

God also gave us the church to encourage one another. Hebrews 10:24–25 (NIV) says, *“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another.”* Sometimes spiritual motivation grows stronger when we serve others and walk with other believers.

Remember, feelings come and go, but faith is not based on feelings. Keep seeking God daily, even in small steps, and trust that He is working in you. Galatians 6:9 (NIV) says, *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”*

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In answer to your question, the Bible teaches that when we put our faith in Jesus, all our sins are forgiven. Psalm 103:12 (NIV) says, *"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."* That means God does not hold our sins against us anymore. Romans 8:1 (NIV) also promises, *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* So, when we stand before God as believers, we will not be judged for our sins, because Jesus already took the punishment for them on the cross.

But the Bible also says that Christians will still stand before the judgment seat of Christ—not to be condemned, but to give an account of how we lived for Him. 2 Corinthians 5:10 (NIV) explains, *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the*

*body, whether good or bad.*" This judgment is about rewards, not salvation.

1 Corinthians 3:12–14 (NIV) describes our works being tested by fire. If what we did for Christ lasts, we will receive a reward. If not, the work will be burned up, though we ourselves will still be saved.

So yes, our sins are completely forgiven, but God will still evaluate our faithfulness and obedience. This should not make us afraid, but motivate us to live every day to please Him, desiring one day to hear Him say, *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matthew 25:21, NIV).

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In answer to your question, it's normal for Christians to ask "*why?*"—especially when life feels confusing. The Bible shows us that God does indeed know the beginning and the end. Isaiah 46:10 (NIV) says that God declares "the end from the beginning." He is in control of history but that doesn't subtract from our free-will. And it certainly doesn't mean that our lives don't matter.

God created us to have a relationship with Him. This is real life—knowing and walking with God, and this is the only way that you will ever find true fulfillment and satisfaction. Revelation 4:11 (NIV) says, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being." Even though He knows how everything will end, He invites us to walk with Him each day, to trust Him, and to live for His glory.

Another reason “why” matters is because God uses our choices and our obedience to accomplish His plan. Philippians 2:13 (NIV) says, “for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.” That means your life, your faith, and your actions really count.

Finally, God has promised that everything—even the hard things—are working for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28, NIV). So the “point of it all” is this: to glorify God, to grow in Christ, and to share the good news so others can be saved. Even when we don’t understand every “why,” we can trust that God’s plan is perfect and full of hope (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV).

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Your Question: **Will we have jobs in heaven?**

In answer to your question, the Bible tells us that heaven will be a place of joy, worship, and service to God. Revelation 22:3 (NIV) says, "No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him." This shows that we will have meaningful "work" in heaven—not the tiring or stressful jobs we know on earth, but joyful service to the Lord.

From the very beginning, God designed work to be good. In Genesis 2:15 (NIV), before sin entered the world, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." Work was part of God's perfect plan, but after the fall, work became hard and painful (Genesis 3:17–19). In heaven, the curse of sin will be gone. That means we will serve God in ways that are fulfilling and full of joy, without frustration or exhaustion.

Our "jobs" in heaven will not be about earning money or surviving. Instead, they will be about worship, praise, and carrying out God's perfect will. Revelation 7:15 (NIV) says, "They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple." In heaven, everything we do will bring glory to Jesus.

So while we won't have jobs like we do here—no bosses, deadlines, or stress—we *will* have meaningful service. And the best part is, it will never feel like a burden. It will be the highest joy to serve our Savior forever.

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In answer to your question, when people look at Christianity today, they see many different denominations—like Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and others. This often leads to the question, *“Why are there so many?”*

The main reason is that Christians sometimes disagree on how to understand and apply the Bible. God's Word is true and without error (2 Timothy 3:16–17, NIV), but people are not perfect. Over time, believers have had different opinions about things like baptism, church leadership, worship style, and even how to organize missions. When they could not agree, new groups or denominations were formed.

For example, in Acts 15, the early church faced disagreements about Gentile believers and the law of Moses. The apostles gathered, prayed, and searched the Scriptures to find the truth. This shows that even from the beginning, Christians had to work through differences.

As Southern Baptists, we believe baptism is for those who have trusted Christ personally and should be done by immersion (Romans 6:4, NIV). Other denominations practice baptism differently, which is one reason for the division.

It is important to remember that what truly matters is the gospel. Ephesians 4:4–5 (NIV) says, “There is one body and one Spirit...one Lord, one faith, one baptism.” Denominations may differ in practice, but all true Christians are united in Jesus Christ.

In heaven, there won't be different denominations—just one family of God, worshiping the Savior together (Revelation 7:9–10, NIV). Until then, we should stand firmly on the truth of God's Word without compromise, share the gospel faithfully, and show love to all.

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In answer to your question, Christians deal with evil by trusting God's power, standing firm in His truth, and living out their faith in obedience to Him. The Bible makes it clear that evil is real, but it also teaches that God is greater than any evil we face. Jesus said, *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world"* (John 16:33, NIV). Because Jesus died and rose again, sin and Satan have already been defeated.

Christians are called to resist evil, not by our own strength, but by putting on the "armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10–18, NIV). This means relying on truth, righteousness, faith, prayer, and the Word of God to stand against temptation and the attacks of the devil. James 4:7 (NIV) says, *"Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* Our first step is always surrendering to God. He is the one who gives us the strength to overcome.

We also overcome evil by choosing to do what is good. Romans 12:21 (NIV) says, *"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."* Instead of seeking revenge or responding with hatred, Christians are called to forgive and show love, just as Christ forgave us. Jesus is our perfect example of enduring suffering and extending forgiveness. In 1 Peter 2:23, the Bible says, *"and while being abusively insulted, He did*

*not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously.”*

Forgiveness does not mean pretending that wrongs are acceptable. True forgiveness doesn't excuse sin or ignore truth. It doesn't brush issues aside, but instead acknowledges that what happened was wrong—while recognizing that only God has the authority to judge. Rather than taking the judge's seat ourselves, we choose to place both our lives and our hurts in the hands of the One who judges righteously.

Finally, Christians look forward with hope. Evil will not last forever. Revelation 21:4 (NIV) promises a day when God “will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” Until then, Christians live faithfully, trusting that God is in control and that He will bring ultimate victory over all evil.

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Your Question: **What can I do to improve my Christian life?**

In answer to your question, improving your Christian life begins with staying close to Jesus every day. First, **read the Bible daily** to know God's truth and direction. Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path" (NIV). God's Word guides your choices and shows you His will.

Second, **pray regularly**, talking honestly with God and listening for His leading. Philippians 4:6-7 encourages us: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (NIV). Prayer builds a strong relationship with your Savior.

Third, **obey God's commands** and live out your faith. Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commands" (John 14:15, NIV). Obedience shows your love for Him.

Fourth, **connect with a local church** that teaches the Bible faithfully. Hebrews 10:24-25 reminds us to "consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another" (NIV). Fellowship with other believers strengthens and encourages your walk with Christ.

Finally, **serve others and share the Gospel**. Galatians 5:13 says, “Serve one another humbly in love” (NIV). Using your gifts to help others reflects Jesus’ heart and grows your faith.

Improving your Christian life isn’t about perfection but about daily growth. Stay close to Christ through Scripture, prayer, obedience, fellowship, and service, and you will become more like Him each day.

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In answer to your question, walking in faith is often a struggle because we live in a fallen world and still battle our sinful nature. Even though we are saved by grace through Jesus Christ, our old desires and the world's temptations still try to pull us away from Him. Galatians 5:17 explains, "For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other" (NIV).

The enemy, Satan, also works to weaken our faith. 1 Peter 5:8 warns us to "be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (NIV). He wants to create doubt, fear, and distraction so we will not trust God fully.

Another reason faith can feel hard is that God sometimes allows trials to grow us. James 1:2-3 says, "Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance" (NIV). God uses difficulties to build strength and deepen our trust in Him.

Walking in faith means believing God's promises even when you can't see the outcome (Hebrews 11:1). It takes daily choices—reading His

Word, praying, and staying connected to other believers—to keep your eyes on Jesus instead of your circumstances.

The struggle is real, but you're not alone. The Holy Spirit helps us, and God's Word assures us that He "will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5, NIV). Each step of trust grows your faith and makes you more like Christ.

I hope that helps. **I'd be glad to meet with you and talk more**, if you'd like. Just reply back if you want to get together or if I can help more. You're also always welcome at our church too. In October our pastor will be addressing some of the questions like yours and we'd love for you to join us. Here's our church website if you want to know more: [your church website].

Thank you again for your time—We're here for you.