

Faith Questions We All Ask

As we experience new or unexpected situations in our daily lives, it's right and good to see them through the lens of our Christian faith. But what happens when these occurrences prompt us to question our faith? A trusted faith community can offer biblically sound advice and answers. That's why we're thankful to dig into Scripture with you. Let's discuss some of the questions faithful believers have sent to *Groundwork* for this episode, questions like: "Do we still need the Old Testament, or has the New Testament replaced it?" "Does God really love me? If he does, why is my life falling apart?", and "Will we make it through the pandemic? Where is the hope?" We'll seek answers to these questions from the Bible and be encouraged as we grow stronger in faith together.

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- How have people in your church community responded to your faith questions?
- Do you feel like you're allowed to ask tough questions that upset the status quo? Why or why not?



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READ [Matthew 4:1-11](#), [Psalm 13](#), [Romans 5:8](#), [Matthew 25:31-46](#)

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- In segment 1, host Dave Bast said Christians should love the Old Testament because Jesus loved it. What moments in Jesus's ministry exemplify his love for the Old Testament?
- In seasons of heartache, our prayers often become raw and simple, sometimes just a cry for God to be near when words fail us. When you think about your own moments of sorrow, what have your prayers sounded like, and what do they reveal about the kind of comfort or hope you were longing for?
- In segment 2, Dave and host Scott Hoezee turned to the Psalms of lament as a resource for Christians who feel like God has abandoned them. What other stories in the Bible have helped you to grieve or lament?
- In segment 3, Dave reminded us that throughout history, Christians have responded to crises by being agents of peace. Like Jesus, we enter into the suffering of the world bringing healing, hope, and grace. How did you experience God's grace through fellow Christians during the COVID-19 pandemic or another time of crisis?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

[Luke 24:27, 44-45](#), [Psalm 22:1-2](#), [John 20:21-22](#)

CONCLUSION

When we are confronted with the realities of suffering, heartache, and pain in our lives and in the world around us, it is natural to ask God questions. Whether it's wondering if he's abandoned you or if he's just not paying attention to you, these anxieties come up for every Christian. Dave and Scott reminded us that biblical characters like King David and Jesus Christ also experienced these worries, but they turned to God through the scriptures and prayer. God empowers his people to be his hands and feet in a world of brokenness, bringing peace and healing to our communities, reminding us that although we see through a mirror darkly today, we will one day see God fully as he makes all things new ([1 Corinthians 13:12](#)). With whom can you share this comfort and assurance?

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