

When God Doesn't Make Sense

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Key Thought

Just because God is _____

doesn't mean God is _____

Often God seems inattentive. We pray, yet He remains silent. Remember: Just because God is silent doesn't mean He is absent. Just because you may not hear Him doesn't mean He does not hear you. And just because you do not feel His presence doesn't mean He is not with you.

The Bible says: "When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God, in whose word I trust, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me?" (Psalm 56:3-4) "The Lord is my light and my salvation – whom shall I fear?" (Psalm 27:1)

The Death of John the Baptist

(Mark 6:17-28)

¹⁷ So Herod sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip's wife, but Herod had married her. ¹⁸ John had been telling Herod, "It is against God's law for you to marry your brother's wife." ¹⁹ So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him.

²¹ Herodias's chance finally came on Herod's birthday. He gave a party for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee. ²² Then his daughter, also named Herodias, came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests. "Ask me for anything you like," the king said to the girl, "and I will give it to you." ²³ He even vowed, "I will give you whatever you ask, up to half my kingdom!"

²⁴ She went out and asked her mother, "What should I ask for?" Her mother told her, "Ask for the head of John the Baptist!" ²⁵ So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, "I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!" ²⁶ Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn't refuse her. ²⁷ So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John's head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother.

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You don't have to understand the _____
to trust God's _____

We do not interpret the goodness of God through our
_____. We interpret our
circumstances through the _____