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# When in Doubt

The  
Unexpected  
Gift of  
Disillusionment

## 1-minute recap

Have you ever felt like God was late or didn't show up for you when you needed him? For most of us, there have been moments when we wonder if God could have done something that mattered to us; why didn't He?

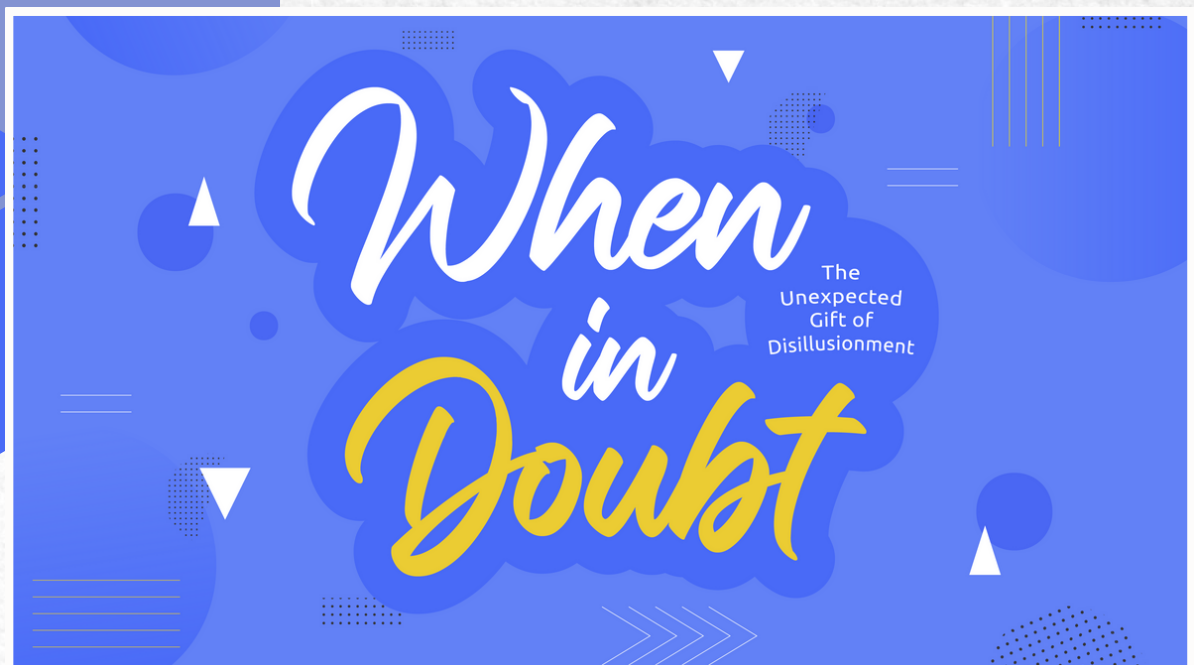
**Does the topic of God not showing up for you resonate? If yes, what is the reason for that?**

## Dive in.

When you think of the concept of time, does the truth that God isn't phased by death encourage you or worry you?



“When Jesus got the message, he said, “This sickness is not fatal. It will become an occasion to show God’s glory by glorifying God’s Son.” - *John 11:4*



## LEARN

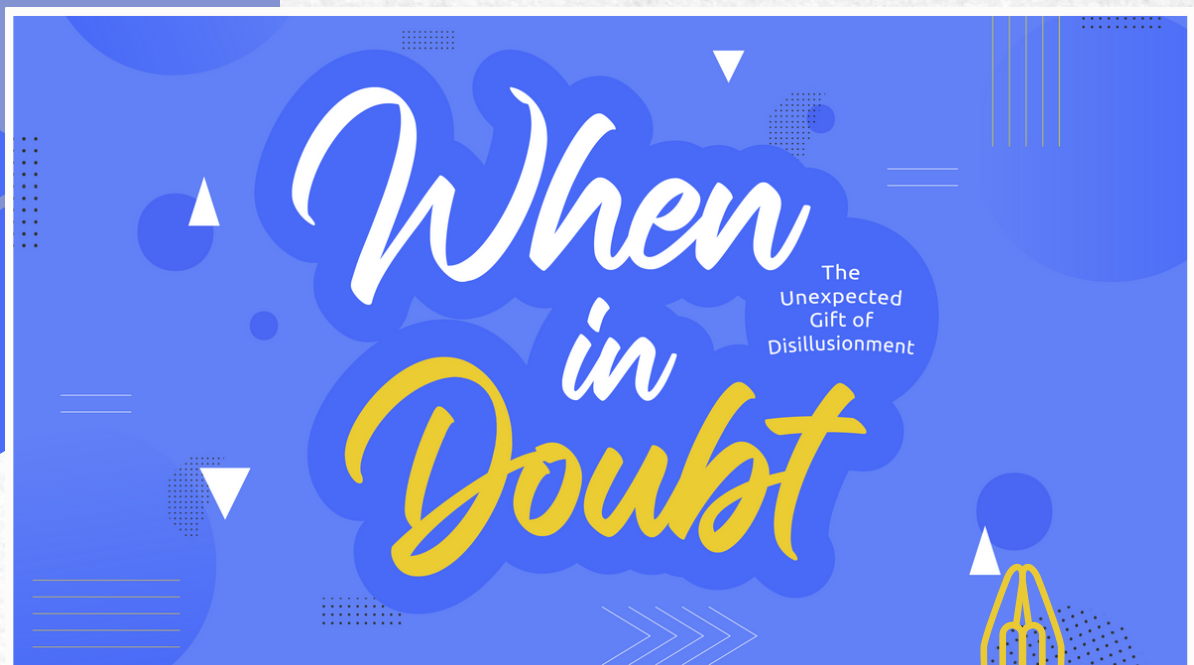
Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, but oddly, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed on where he was for two more days. After the two days, he said to his disciples, “Let’s go back to Judea.”...Martha said, “Master, if you’d been here, my brother wouldn’t have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask God he will give you.” Jesus said, “Your brother will be raised up.” Martha replied, “I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time.” “You don’t have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world.” **John 11:21-27**

## UNPACK.



**1) What about Martha’s first response and ultimate discovery strikes you?**

**2) Do you believe you have to hide your true feelings from God, or do you think expressing your true feelings can lead to a deeper faith?**



## FOLLOW

We will practice expressing our true feelings in order to build faith.

## Open up in prayer.

Ask people to name one thing in their lives that causes them to believe that God is running late or will never show up.

- Ask each person to share their honest fears or concerns surrounding that.
- After each person shares, read this verse outloud, prayerfully:

***The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9)***

- Ask God to increase faith where those fears are most present.



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