



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION FROM THIS SERIES:

WEEK 2: WONDERING WHAT GOD IS LIKE

We all see life through a window ... a frame of reference that helps explain what we experience in life. Faith is a frame of reference we are often handed which works well as children. But then life happens. We experience challenging circumstances that sow doubt in our childhood faith. Tragedy causes us to question if God is good and loving. Sin leads to guilt and shame. We wonder if God can really love us. Is there such a thing as a frame of reference that can accommodate a grown up faith?

THINK ABOUT THESE ...

1. Was faith important in your life growing up? To what extent did those childhood experiences influence your adult faith?
2. In what ways do you tend to look at life through the window of your own insecurity? How might your life be different if you were completely confident in God's love for you?
3. **Read John 14:1–11.** In what ways does your adult frame of reference cause you to struggle to accept Jesus' promises in this passage?
4. We've said that God sent Jesus to stand with us so we wouldn't wonder where we stood with Him. Does your relationship with Jesus leave you assured of where you stand with God? Why or why not?
5. On what is your faith currently fixed—your circumstances, the Bible, keeping religious rules? How do you think that might limit the depth and richness of your relationship with God?
6. What is one thing you can do this week to fix your eyes on Jesus?



CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION FROM THIS SERIES: THINKING REVOLUTIONARY ...

When it comes to faith, if you wondered and then wandered, here's something to consider:

What was the faith you lost fixed on and fastened to? A church that dismissed science or mislabeled people? Religious rule keeping? A version of God that wouldn't let bad things happen to good people? Don't abandon faith because you once used the wrong frame of reference.

What is the faith you have fixed on our fastened to?

Remember: God showed up on our side of the frame to serve as your frame of reference ... fix your eyes on Jesus.

READ AND THINK ABOUT THESE WORDS (MEMORIZE THEM IF YOU CAN!):

"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."

John 17 verse 3