

Sermon Notes Page
Ever Wonder Why? #6 – Why Does God Feel so Far Away
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Hebrews 11:1-13

- Rule #1 for this Series – **Don't Check Your Brain at the Door!**
- Why Did God Let This Happen? (Week 1) Psalm 73, 2 Cor. 12:1-10
- Why Does God Punish Us? (Week 2) Luke 16:19-31, Psalm 145:8-21
 - o Theologically: It is impossible for God to be **holy** without being **just**.
- Why didn't God Answer My Prayer? (Week 3)
 - o Genuine Belief & Faith – Mark 11:24 & Matt 21:21-22
 - o Connection & Relationship with God – John 15:7
 - o Alignment with God's will – 1 John 5:14-15
 - o Forgiveness – Mark 11:25
 - o Keep on Praying (No matter what) – Ephesians 6:18
- Why Should I Trust God? – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
 - o We ask Questions - How is it with your soul?
 - o We pray.
 - o We surrender.
- Why Can't I Stop
 - o If you have a habit due to practical, emotional, relational, or physical reasons- find professional help!
 - o Grace-God's abundant, unattainable, freely offered love.
 - Justifying Grace – the grace that *saves* us.
 - Sanctifying Grace – the grace that *transforms* us. Romans 8:1-2
 - o The Life of Grace – Galatians 5:22-23
 - o How do we get there: Be Honest, Have Faith, Trust, Forgiveness, Insight, Integrity, Acceptance, Conservation, Accomplishment, Be Humble, Willpower, New Lifestyle
- Why does God Feel So Far Away? (Week 6)
 - o Scriptures reveal a very personal God (Matthew 10:30-31)
 - o Things that separate us from God
 - Sin (Isaiah 59:2)
 - Unforgiveness (Mark 11:25-26)
 - o Things that insulate us from God
 - Life Lessons (Luke 15:11-32)
 - Lack of Faith (2Cor 5:7)
 - o Things we fail to see or do
 - Spiritual
 - Stepping forward
 - Waiting on a Miracle