



MEET JESUS

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The result:
Shame flourishes when safety is absent.



If you are going to talk about faith,
you have to be willing to talk about doubt.





LUKE 6:20-26 (ESV)

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. **21** "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.



22 "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.



24 "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25 "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. 26 "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.



Transformative learning attempts to explain how our expectations, framed within cultural assumptions and presuppositions, directly influence the meaning we derive from our experiences.



“A disorienting dilemma”



MATTHEW 7:28-29 (ESV)

²⁸ And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching,
²⁹ for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.





PSALM 73



PSALM 73:1-2 (ESV)

¹ Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are pure in heart.

² But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled,
my steps had nearly slipped.



NO ONE is exempt from doubt.



PSALM 73:3-5 (ESV)

- 3** For I was envious of the arrogant
when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4** For they have no pangs until death;
their bodies are fat and sleek.
- 5** They are not in trouble as others are;
they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.



PSALM 73:6-8 (ESV)

- 6 Therefore pride is their necklace;
violence covers them as a garment.
- 7 Their eyes swell out through fatness;
their hearts overflow with follies.
- 8 They scoff and speak with malice;
loftily they threaten oppression.



PSALM 73:9-11 (ESV)

- 9** They set their mouths against the heavens,
and their tongue struts through the earth.
- 10** Therefore his people turn back to them,
and find no fault in them.
- 11** And they say, "How can God know?
Is there knowledge in the Most High?"



PSALM 73:12 (ESV)

Behold, these are the wicked;
always at ease, they increase in riches.



PSALM 73:13 (ESV)

All in vain have I kept my heart clean
and washed my hands in innocence.





PSALM 73:14-15 (ESV)

14 For all the day long I have been stricken
and rebuked every morning.

15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have
betrayed the generation of your children.



PSALM 73:16 (ESV)

But when I thought how to understand this,
it seemed to me a wearisome task.



PSALM 73:17 (ESV)

Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.



Doubt should drive us to the Lord,
not away from Him.



A God that is big enough to save your soul
is big enough to handle your doubts.



PSALM 73:17 (ESV)

Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
then I discerned their end.



PSALM 73:18-20 (ESV)

- 18** Truly you set them in slippery places;
you make them fall to ruin.
- 19** How they are destroyed in a moment,
swept away utterly by terrors!
- 20** Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when
you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.





Doubt is built on what we see, faith is built on trusting in the God who sees.



2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-18 (ESV)

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. **17** For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.



¹⁸ as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.



PSALM 73:21-22 (ESV)

21 When my soul was embittered,
when I was pricked in heart,

22 I was brutish and ignorant;
I was like a beast toward you.



PSALM 73:23 (ESV)

Nevertheless, I am continually with you;
you hold my right hand.



PSALM 73:24-26 (ESV)

- 24 You guide me with your counsel,
and afterward you will receive me to glory.
- 25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there
is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
- 26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart and my portion forever.



Confessing doubt becomes
confident dependence.



PSALM 73:27-28 (ESV)

- 27** For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
- 28** But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.



HEBREWS 4:15 (ESV)

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.



HEBREWS 4:16 (ESV)

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



PROVERBS 18:1 (ESV)

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment.





MARK 9:22-23 (ESV)

²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "'If you can'! All things are possible for one who believes."



MARK 9:24 (ESV)

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!"



MATTHEW 7:28-29 (ESV)

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Meet Jesus: Doubters welcome!





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