

When God Doesn't Do What You Want

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Luke 7:18-23

The _____ of Doubt (vv.18-20)

_____ circumstances

Injustice

_____ from God's activity

Our personal _____ of God (v.19)

Jesus' _____ for Doubt (vv.22-23)

We must _____ our _____ of God

We must allow for the mystery of God's _____

We must recognize that God's works stem from his _____

Questions to think about...

1. Describe a time when something happened in your life or in the life of somebody close to you that left you feeling confused, disappointed, hurt even embittered.
2. Did you turn and reflect on God during that time—what he might be up to—or did you leave God out of it? Why?
3. Practically speaking, give an instance when your personal view of God affected your life in some way (e.g., it altered your behavior or your attitude).
4. How did John the Baptist's view of Messiah affect his own life?
5. Why is our personal view of God so important?
6. According to the passage, what is Jesus' message to us to help us get through our difficult times?
7. Why do we always have to take the mystery of God's sovereignty into account in our lives?