APRIL 10, 2020

Questions



QUESTIONS



Reflection:

What is a difficult question you are facing currently?

Is it a sign of spiritual immaturity to have unresolved questions about God? Why or why not?

What are two people you go to when you are confused or have questions?

If 1 = figure out the answer for myself and 10 = just tell me the answer, on a continuum scale of 1 to 10, which number describes you best?

Read Matthew 11:2-14 - the imprisoned John the Baptist sends two disciples to ask Jesus if he is the one to come. This after John was the only one who seemed to understand Christ's mission.

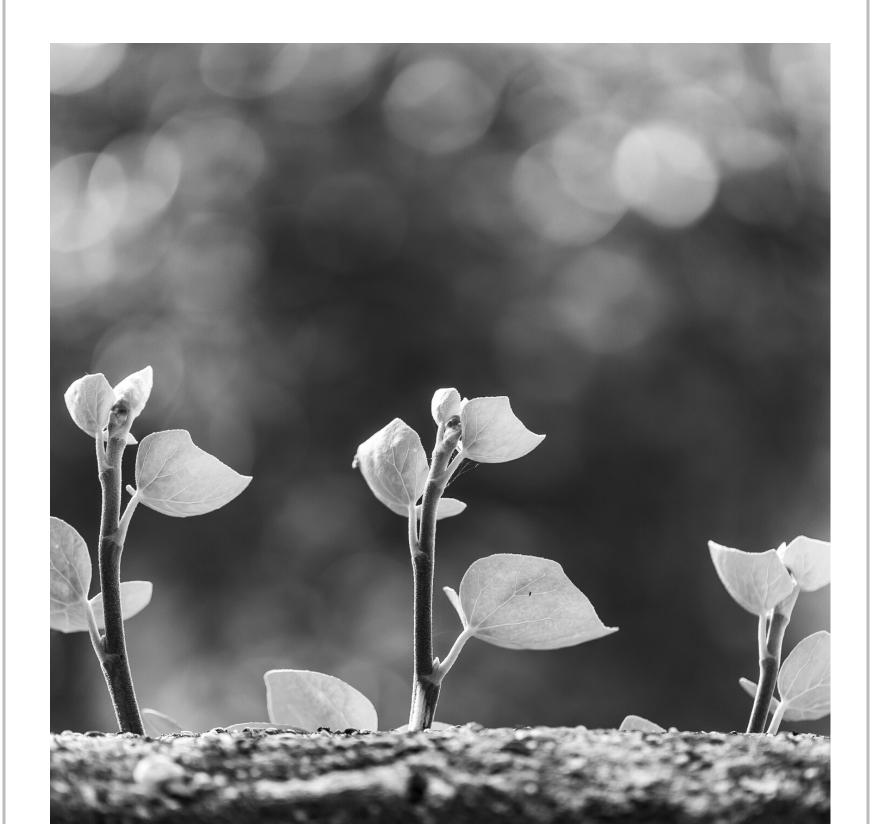
What does John's question in Matthew 11:3 indicate about his state of mind sitting in Herod's prison cell?

Given this question, how does Jesus' response in verses 4-6 make any sense? See Luke 4:16-21.



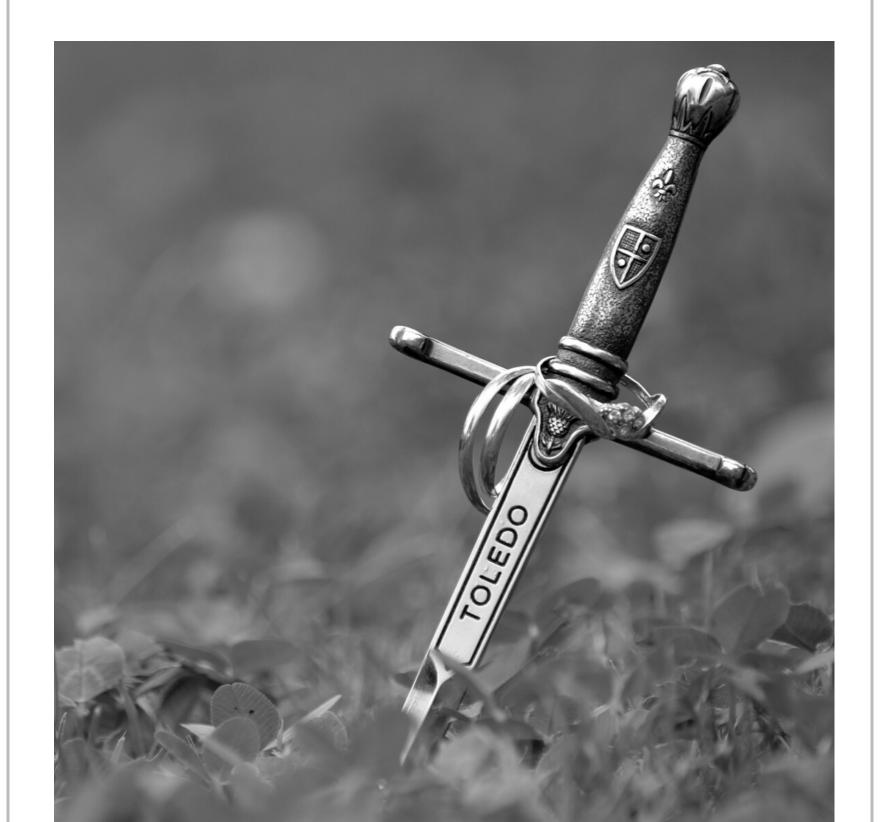
Read verse 7 again: knowing that John still had questions (the two disciples hadn't had the opportunity to get back to John in prison yet), what does Jesus' affirmation in verses 11-14 say about having questions amidst our relationship with Jesus?

Which is more important, having no unresolved questions or knowing where / who to go to discuss them?



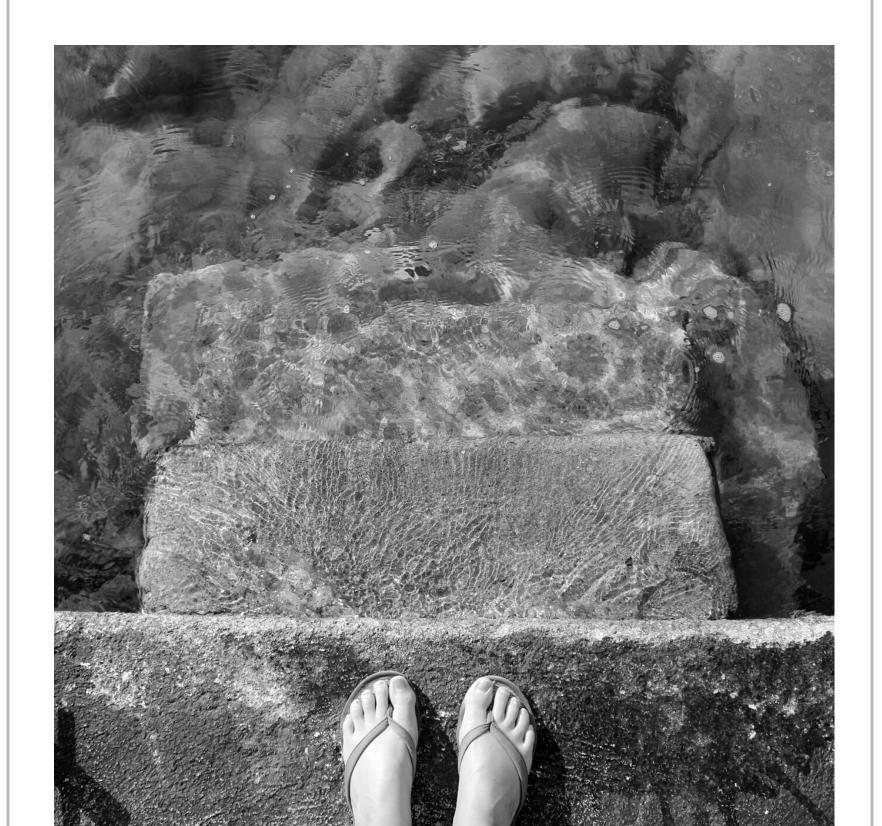
Read 1 Samuel 14:1-14. Jonathan invites his unarmed armor bearer to go with him to attack fortified Philistines holding the higher ground in a crazy move in the name of God.

They have one sword between them and begin the attack by announcing themselves, thus removing any element of surprise. Jonathan sells the idea by suggesting, "perhaps the Lord will act on our behalf" (v.6).

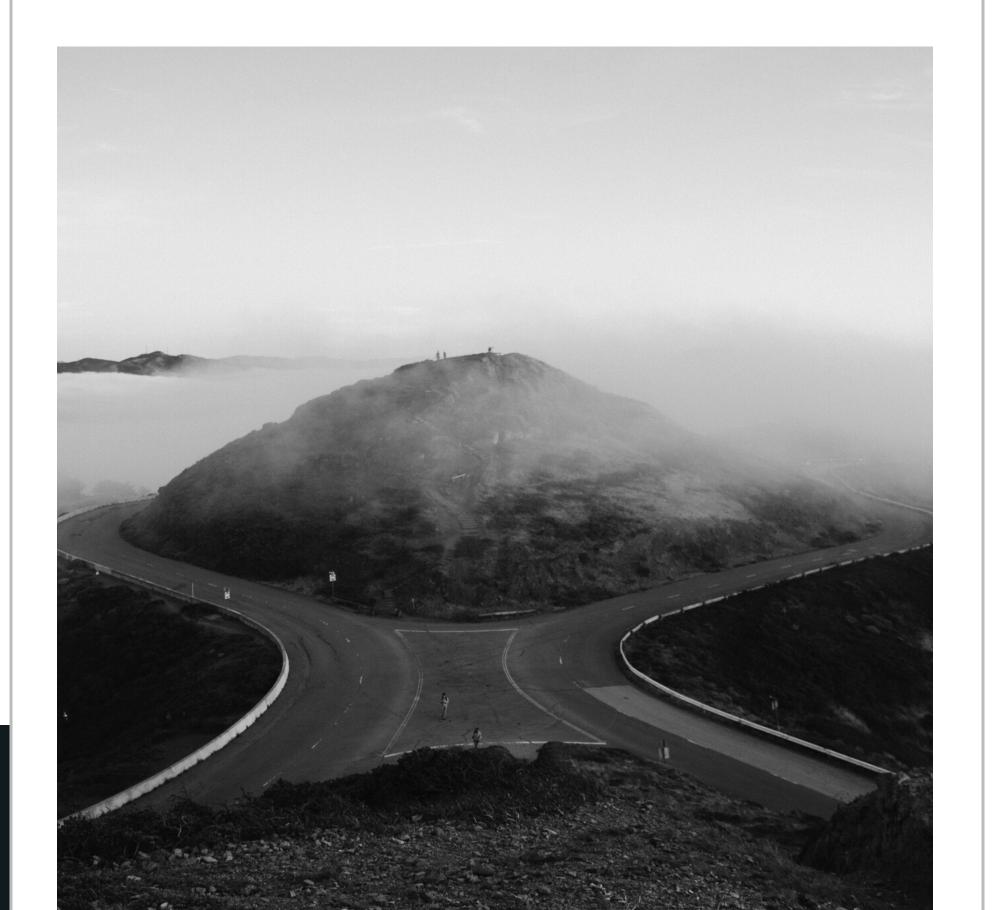


What "perhaps" moments are occurring in your life? Moments you wish you had more certainty, clarity? But you either act now or sit it out and lose an opportunity?

What does Jonathan's approach to his relationship with God teach us? Do we need to become more comfortable with a "perhaps" posture amidst some of our deeper, life-changing questions?



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Action Plan

What is the role of faith when mixed with our questions?

Think of ways that we could be more comfortable with a "perhaps posture."

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