

11-09-25 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Jesus does not answer all our questions, though one of our fondest illusions is that he should. What he does is point us to a God whose faithfulness to those whom God has called is immeasurable and inexhaustible, and in that faithfulness we find enough to endure all that life and death will ask of us.”

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Luke 20:27-38

Questions for Reflection —

- Do you think having doubts or questions contributes to growth in faith? Why or why not? Have you ever had an experience where doubt or uncertainty led you to a deeper level of faith? About what aspects of Christian beliefs do you have questions? With what specific doubts have you wrestled or are you currently wrestling? What is the role of Christian community in helping people to process doubt? How can we as a congregation foster an atmosphere in which people can feel safe and supported in asking questions or expressing uncertainty about matters of faith?
- How or when have you experienced God in the midst of mystery? What does it mean to embrace the deeper mysteries of faith, those matters which are beyond full human comprehension? What challenges you about the notion that some ultimate questions may not be answerable in this life? What would it look like for you to live those questions instead of seeking answers? What would it mean for you to pray with your questions? How might exploring those questions help you to grow in faith?
- What life challenges are you facing right now? How does the hope of resurrection influence the way you approach those challenges and give you strength to deal with them? What does it mean to choose the way of Jesus, the way that leads to life? What does it look like to live now in a way that reflects the hope and promise of resurrection? What do you need in order to be a reflection of joy and peace to those whom you encounter, especially to those who are struggling in some way?

Daily Household Prayer

Faithful God, in times of doubt, remind us that Your ways are higher than our ways, and Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Teach us to rely on faith, which is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Let the truth of resurrection sanity become the cornerstone of our belief, dispelling any shadows of doubt that may cross our minds. Help us to recognize that the resurrection is not merely a theological concept, but the very foundation of our hope in You... May our lives be testimonies of the power of Your resurrection, reflecting joy, peace, and purpose that can only originate from being in communion with You. In Jesus' holy name, we pray. Amen.