



The Oxygen of the Kingdom: Forgiving God

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Three questions we don't want to ask out loud...

- "Is God unfair? Why is God unfair to me?"
- "Is God silent? Why does God seem silent to me?"
- "Is God hidden?" Why is God hidden from me?"

How we respond when God doesn't meet our expectations:

- God must not exist.
- God does exist, but He is not able.
- God does exist, but He is not good.
- God exists but I am confused, so I'm going to deny the problem.

Lies I believe when God doesn't meet my expectations:

1. God failed me.
2. God must not care.
3. God cannot be trusted.
4. God isn't entirely truthful.
5. God raised my hopes and let me down.

Forgiving God

- Understand life is unfair but God is good.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." Jn.16:33

- God's love for me does not depend on my health, successes or met expectations.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Rom. 8:38-39

- Learn to enjoy His presence without demanding visible results.

"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand." Ps.16:11

- Trust God to know more than you and is always working for your good.

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Gal. 2:20

- When hurt, when confused, or disappointed, be honest and let God speak to you.

"Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jn 20:29