

WHY ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?

**WHY SHOULD
ANYONE ELSE BE?**

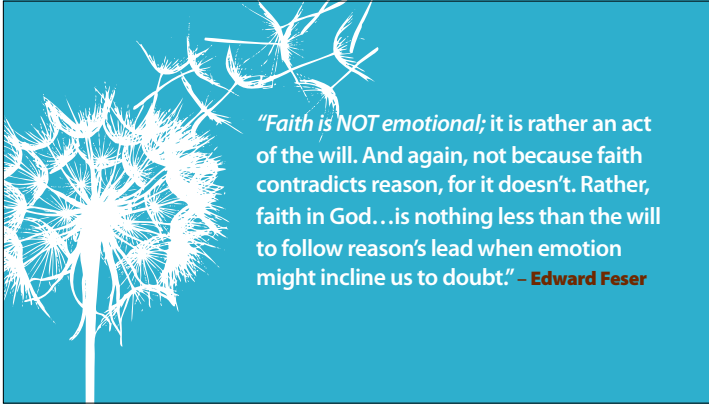
FEELINGS?



***Feel It* by Toby Mac**

Oh, I feel it in my heart
I feel it in my soul
That's how I know
You take our brokenness and make us beautiful
Yeah, that's how I know (can't take that from me)
Love came crashin' in
Never gonna be the same again
Yeah, you came crashing in
You wrecked me, you wrecked me...
Everybody talkin' like they need some proof
But what more do I need than to feel you

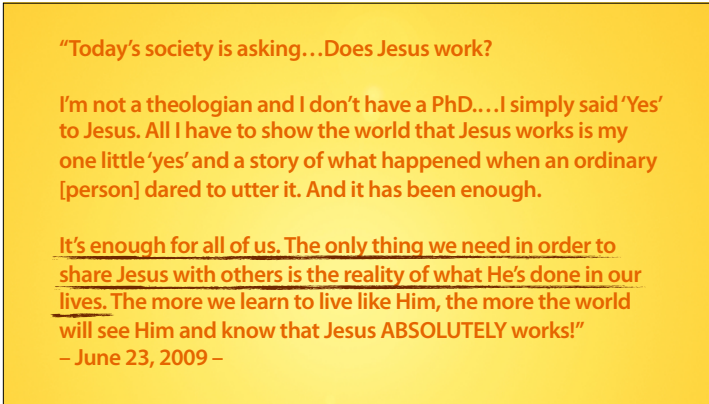
FAITH?



"Faith is NOT emotional; it is rather an act of the will. And again, not because faith contradicts reason, for it doesn't. Rather, faith in God...is nothing less than the will to follow reason's lead when emotion might incline us to doubt." – Edward Feser



PERSONAL TESTIMONY?

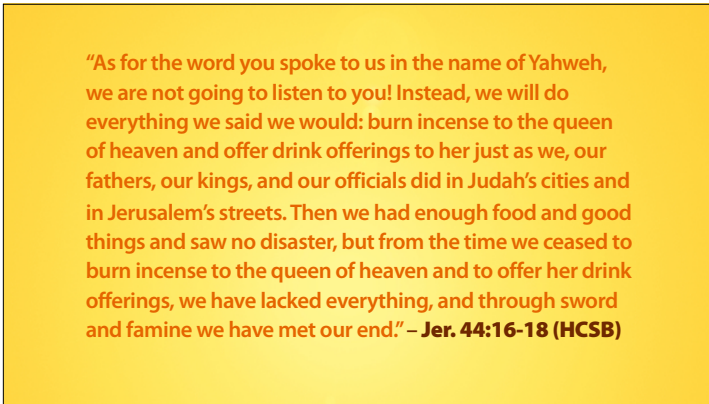


"Today's society is asking...Does Jesus work?"

I'm not a theologian and I don't have a PhD...I simply said 'Yes' to Jesus. All I have to show the world that Jesus works is my one little 'yes' and a story of what happened when an ordinary [person] dared to utter it. And it has been enough.

It's enough for all of us. The only thing we need in order to share Jesus with others is the reality of what He's done in our lives. The more we learn to live like Him, the more the world will see Him and know that Jesus ABSOLUTELY works!

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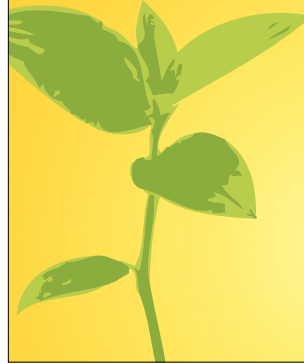
"As for the word you spoke to us in the name of Yahweh, we are not going to listen to you! Instead, we will do everything we said we would: burn incense to the queen of heaven and offer drink offerings to her just as we, our fathers, our kings, and our officials did in Judah's cities and in Jerusalem's streets. Then we had enough food and good things and saw no disaster, but from the time we ceased to burn incense to the queen of heaven and to offer her drink offerings, we have lacked everything, and through sword and famine we have met our end." – Jer. 44:16-18 (HCSB)



GOOD DEEDS?

"For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no great thing if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their destiny will be according to their works." – **2 Cor. 11:13-15 (HCSB)**

WHY SHOULD THEY BELIEVE US?



"The ultimate goal is to preach the gospel. But the gospel is not simple to those whose background prevents them from understanding it. Today's global secular culture has erected a maze of mental barriers against even considering the biblical message."

– **Nancy Pearcey, Saving Leonardo**

"Act wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Your speech should always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person." – **Col. 4:5-6 (HCSB)**

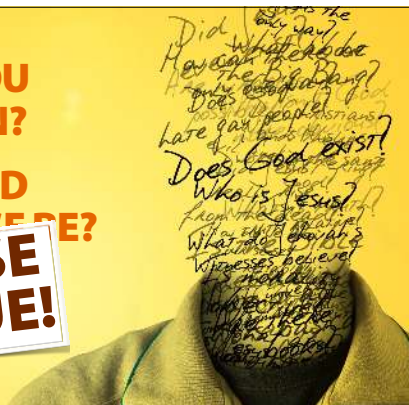
A MORE EXCELLENT WAY

- ▶ Peter appealed to miracles, the resurrection, and fulfilled prophecy (Acts 2:22-25)
- ▶ Paul reasoned with, debated, persuaded, and convinced people
- ▶ Repentance was expected in light of the **FACTS** not **BLIND FAITH/FEELINGS/PRAGMATISM**

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WHY SHOULD ANYONE ELSE BELIEVE?

BECAUSE IT'S TRUE!



"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will." – **2 TIM. 2:24-26 (NASB)**


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