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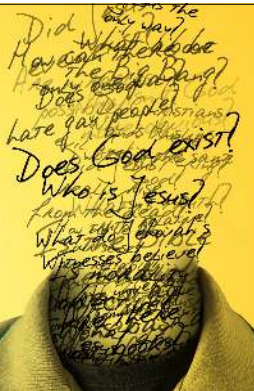
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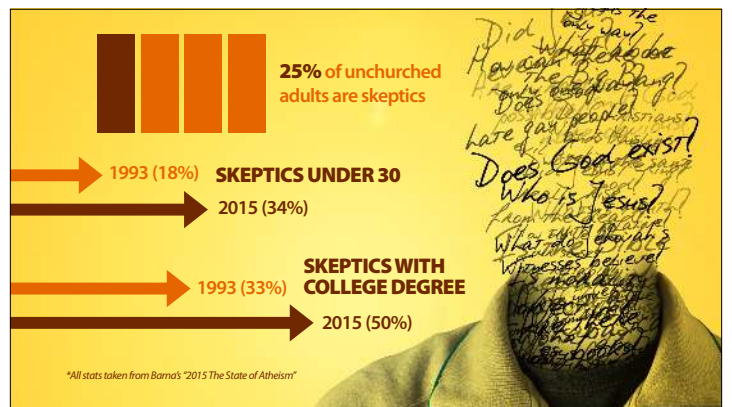
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"Now I make known to you, brethren, *the gospel* which I preached to you, which also *you received*, in which also you stand, by which also *you are saved*, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that *Christ died for our sins* according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also." – **1 COR. 15:1-8 (NASB)**

WHY ARE YOU A CHRISTIAN?
WHY SHOULD ANYONE ELSE BE?





"I was once one of the strongest Christians you'd ever meet. I was evangelistic, attended both Word of Life Bible Institute and Liberty University, and was on a track to save the world. Then one day I asked myself, 'Why do I believe what I believe?' and here we are."
– **Anonymous Friend**



"Yet in spite of clear trends and obvious needs, our research suggests that most of the efforts of Christian ministries fail to reach much beyond the core of 'Christianized' America. It's much easier to work with this already-sympathetic audience than to focus on the so-called 'nones.' And it's no mystery why: Figuring out how to effectively engage skeptics is difficult."

– **David Kinnaman, President of Barna Group**



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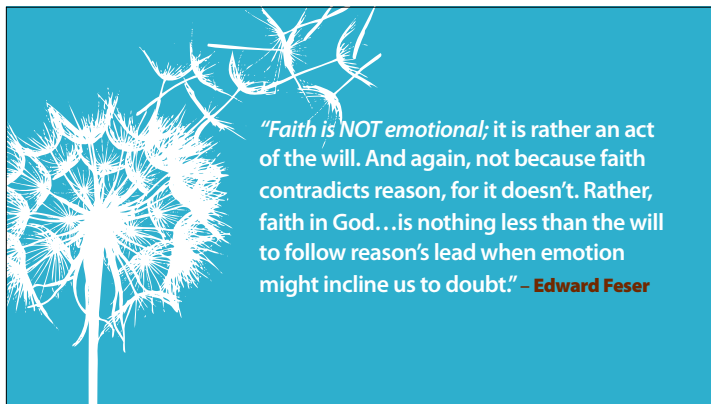
FEELINGS?



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?



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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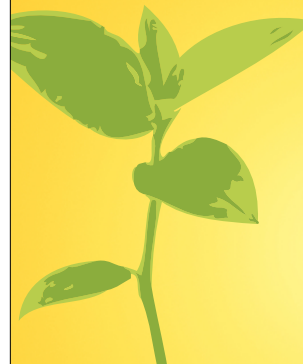


"As for the word you spoke to us in the name of Yahweh, we are not going to listen to you! Instead, we will do everything we said we would: burn incense to the queen of heaven and offer drink offerings to her just as we, our fathers, our kings, and our officials did in Judah's cities and in Jerusalem's 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**

