

The New Normal

What Next? The New Normal, Part 1

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Three lies I'm tempted to believe:

1. I'll never be happy again
Truth: I can be happy
2. Nothing good can come from this
Truth: Something good can come from this
3. There's no point in continuing
Truth: There's a purpose to this pain.

God is not a _____, a _____, or a _____.

- God's silence does not equate to his absence.

Example 1: John the Baptist

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Matthew 11:2-3

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist;

Matthew 11:11

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake.

Matthew 4:12-13

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Matt 11:4-6

Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.

Matthew 11:6

Don't interpret God's _____, as _____.

Example 2: Lazarus and the sisters

So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

John 11:3

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was...

John 11:5-6

If we don't understand what God is doing,

**it's because he's doing something we don't understand,
he's planning something nobody anticipated.**