

# When God Feels Far Away

## Ever Wonder Why? Part 5

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*But I call to You for help, LORD: in the morning my prayer meets You.  
LORD, why do You reject me? Why do You hide Your face from me?*

Psalm 88:13-14

## THREE MAYBES

### 1. Maybe you are oversensationalizing God's \_\_\_\_\_

*“What sign then are You going to do so we may see and believe You?”  
they asked. “What are You going to perform?”*

John 6:30

### 2. Maybe your heart is \_\_\_\_\_

*“You will listen and listen, yet never understand; and you will look and  
look, yet never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown callous; their  
ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes.”*

Matthew 13:14-15

### \_\_\_\_\_ is an insulating agent

*“The pure in heart are blessed for they will see God.”*

Matthew 5:8

### 3. Maybe God wants to \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_

*From one man he has made every nationality to live over the whole earth  
and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they  
live. He did this so they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out  
and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us.*

Acts 17:26-27

*“You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your  
heart.”*

Jeremiah 29:13

### Just because God feels \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't mean God is actually \_\_\_\_\_

## *PSALM 139*

## Talk It Over With Someone

1. Are you more likely to make decisions based on feelings or logic? Why do you think that is?
2. Which part of this week's message was most impactful to you?
3. How might you have personally experienced God's presence in your past?
4. If we always felt God, we wouldn't need faith. What are some ways you can seek God regardless of your feelings?

*\* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted*