



“Puzzled???”

Trusting God when things don't make sense

Week 1: In the doubts of today we trust in His tomorrows

How do you solve a Jigsaw Puzzle?

Life is often described as a jigsaw puzzle...some pieces come easy and you know where they should go and with others you're not sure and you try to make them fit. God is maybe saying it simply doesn't belong there.

*“**Now** we see things imperfectly, like puzzling reflections in a mirror, but **then** we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know **now** is partial and incomplete, but **then** I will know everything completely, just as God now knows me completely.”*

(1 Corinthians 13:12, NLT)

How do we live in the now trusting God for the then?

*“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?**” 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. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” (Matthew 11:2–6, NIV)*

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist;” (Matthew 11:11, NIV)

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

We don't often understand it ...but we can understand God's goodness

Our faith is in God and not the outcome we want

““For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” (Isaiah 55:8–9, NIV)

We don't have the box lid!

“Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart, but even so, people cannot see the whole scope of God's work from beginning to end.” (Ecclesiastes 3:11, NLT)

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Talk and Think It Through

Talking and thinking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

Key Questions:

- What puzzle in your life are you trying to solve?
Where do the pieces seem to not fit together?
- What's a painful experience from your past.
Looking back, how did God use this pain for your benefit?
- What steps will you take to focus less on the doubts of today and trust more in God's tomorrows?
- Read, reflect and discuss 1 Corinthians 13:12, Matthew 11:1-11 & Ecclesiastes 3:11
- What doubts do you struggle with most? How have these doubts affected you?
- In what situations do you find it most difficult to fully trust God?
- How have you seen God's timing be different from your own?
- How have you experienced God's goodness during difficult situations?

Next Steps:

What's one thing you'll do this week as a result of something you learned this week?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Overcome your doubts and grow your trust in God by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

Day 1: 1 Corinthians 13:11-13

Day 2: Matthew 11:1-9

Day 3: Jeremiah 29:11

Day 4: Isaiah 55:8-9

Day 5: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11

Day 6: Jeremiah 1:5

Day 7: Proverbs 3:5-6

