

## I WANT TO BELIEVE, BUT ...

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### On-Demand God

God doesn't exist to serve us.

We exist to serve Him.

If God Is Not On-Demand God, Who Is He?

- God's heart is always \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ...<sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. <sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:35-39 (NLT)**

God doesn't prove his love by \_\_\_\_\_ our prayers.

God proved his love when he sent \_\_\_\_\_

while we were still \_\_\_\_\_

- God's ways are always \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>8</sup> "My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the LORD. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. <sup>9</sup> For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. **Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT)**

- God's presence is always \_\_\_\_\_

Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. **Psalms 23:4a (NLT)**

### Prayer:

God, we want to believe, but sometimes we struggle. You said You're loving, trustworthy and with us. But we have situations in our lives that lead us to doubt You. Will you bring Your love into our darkest valleys? Will you help us in our unbelief? Amen.

### My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Psalm 23:4
- Admit that there are areas of my life where I sometimes struggle to believe that God is really there.
- When I doubt remind myself that God is loving, trustworthy and always with me.
- Take a step past the doubts that I have and invite God into my life receiving him as Savior and Lord.