



PART 1: Unhinged

INTRODUCTION

People stumble in their faith and drift away from God because they get hung up on the historical accuracy of what's in Genesis, Exodus, or other parts of the Bible. People struggle with Scripture because the church has done a terrible job of communicating the foundation of the Christian faith. It's not the Bible. But if it's not the Bible, what is it?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you tend to be a rule follower or a rule breaker? How does that tendency affect your day-to-day life?
2. Have you ever met someone with extraordinary trust in God? If so, what was that person like? How did he or she influence your faith?
3. What role do you think doubt plays in faith? What role has it played in your own faith journey?
4. Read Acts 15:5–21. What are some ways that the church today makes it difficult for people who are turning to God?
5. *"We've created a house of cards. If the creation account of Genesis isn't true and if there's not archeological evidence of the Exodus, then the whole Christian faith comes tumbling down."* Respond to that statement. Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. What are some things that stand in the way of your faith being characterized by fearlessness and lack of worry? What would it take for you to develop extraordinary trust in God?

MOVING FORWARD

The fearless and worry-free faith of the first generation of Christians, combined with their love for one another, created a movement that changed the world. That's true even though Jesus said some things that were so extreme his followers were tempted to ignore them. But his resurrection changed *everything*. Suddenly, what had sounded so extreme wasn't extreme at all.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

1 Corinthians 15:3–5