

3/6/22 – Sam Meredith – Crisis of Belief – Experiencing God

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Morning. I want to start off by telling you a story about one of the times I was totally afraid in the woods. I want you to know, I grew up in North Idaho. I grew up out in the woods. So, being out there is very comfortable for me. But I was on this fly fishing trip with my brother-in-law and my father-in-law and we had backpacked miles and miles in to get to an isolated chunk of River. So we're out there way by ourselves, this isn't a campground. And we had some great fishing, getting all settled into our tent going to bed it is totally pitch black, and as we are all kind of getting settled, nobody's moving anymore, no more scraping of the sleeping bag in the tent – I start to hear something. And it is normal to hear stuff out in the woods, it's like... Oh whatever... But then something started getting closer and bigger – this wasn't a squirrel looking to get into our snacks. And it kept getting closer and closer and closer. And then eventually it is in our camp, right by our tent. And finally we are all just laying there quiet. Did anybody else hear that? And everybody else... Yeah. And then nobody moved. So we were in this moment like what we do now? We all know like it is now in my head there clearly is something out there that is now in our camp – it is very large – what is it? We could hear rustling around. So finally we decided to get out of our tent and try to get it to leave – we don't know what it is, we don't know if we're about to get mauled or what. But then all of a sudden, behind us, we hear a noise more in our camp, so we all jump around, turn and we see our intruder which is... I think we have a picture here... a moose. And... moose are large animals. I have to say if you've never had an encounter with a moose, they are large. And we had no idea what it was until we turned around and went to take a picture and we are [Vocalization of fear] there is a moose – OK, it is not a bear, we are going to survive. But the reason I share the story actually relates to what we are going to be talking about today. I want to go back to that moment when we are in our tent – we all clearly hear that there is something outside of our tent that needs our attention. And we just froze. Do we get out? Do we lay here? Do we just wait for somebody to be pulled out of the tent. Or do we fight our way out? But we have this Crisis of Belief. And that is what we are talking about today –

How often in our relationship with God that when He starts to speak to us and invite us into the things that He's doing around us – we too easily kind of respond like how we did – we just freeze. And we play all of these scenarios out in our mind and we have this crisis of belief. What is going to happen if I do that what happens if I join you – I'm not sure I can do that – all of these things come to mind and we can stay stuck right there. So, today we are going to be talking about how do we move past this struggle this difficulty. And also how do we start to recognize it within ourselves. We're going to be, in the book of Jeremiah, so if you have your Bibles – Bible App – we're going to go to Jeremiah 1 – and while you are going there just a few things I want to cover. One is just a reminder we are in a series called Experiencing God. We actually believe that the church that God created the heavens and the earth that He created us, and that He didn't create it to be distant and remote – but He is so involved in His creation Reality one – we've been talking about these. God desires a personal relationship with each person He has made. With you and me and all people. That He desires to be, not just a distant Lord and King and Ruler, but He desires to be more like a father and a friend. In an intimate relationship. And Reality three is that... Yes He is always working around us – and His desire is that people be in relationship with Him – He wants us to be in relationship with Him – and then He is going to invite us to join Him in the work that He is doing. And then last week we talked about how God speaks. That God speaks by His spirit, through His Word, through prayer, circumstances, and other believers. Right? That God is speaking to us. And so we have got to learn to listen to Him. And that brings us to today – Crisis of Belief. That when we hear His voice, that when we see what He is has invited us into

– we often freak out a little bit. We're going to see that with the prophet Jeremiah. Jeremiah was a Priest of God so he was serving God – we are going to read about how God invites him, not only to be a Priest but to be a Prophet – somebody to speak not only to the nations but also to God's own people. To challenge them to come back to God – to trust Him – he is preaching at a time in Israel's history when they are mostly not worshipping God. They are worshipping false gods – have all sorts of practices that are so contrary to God – and so the message that God has for Jeremiah, so often is to warn the people. Call them to repent, or punishment is coming. Right? The Babylonians are coming. And Jeremiah is faithful to God – he is known as the weeping prophet – because he preaches, he does the things that God asks him to do – the people don't repent – consequences come – Babylonian Empire comes and takes them away. He's also the author of Lamentations – in the Bible so this is our guy Jeremiah. But we are going to see how he responded when God invited him in. So if you have your Bible, Bible App or even the notes – the sermon notes – We are going to start in Jeremiah 1:4 – it says the Lord gave me this message – I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations. Oh sovereign Lord I said I can't speak for you I am too young. And the Lord replied, don't say "I am too young," for you must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people, for I will be with you and I will protect you. I the Lord have spoken. For I will be with you and I will protect you I the Lord have spoken. Then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said look I have put My words in your mouth. Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms – some you must uproot and tear down – others you must build up and plant. So we're going to go back through and we're going to walk through some of the ways that God is interacting with Jeremiah. And really that is how God interacts with us as people. Going back to verse four it says that the Lord gave me this message.

– Just to pause there a minute – that was last week right, that God speaks. And we actually introduce this – funnel picture to you last week as a way that we can discern now of how do we know God is speaking to us right? We have an idea or thought or feeling, and then what do we do, is that really You? God? Or is that just me? What do I do with that? So we take that thought, feeling, idea we bring it to God's Word. What does God's Word say? And if there is clarity from God's Word we obey. We trust – God this is You and then we move into action, we move into obedience. But sometimes we aren't really sure what God is saying – and so we continue to pray about it – we talk – we look at our circumstances, what is happening around this – God are You leading me this way? And we bring that to other mature believers to get some counseling and input. And at the conclusion of that, it's Go time... We are to again act out in obedience – to trust God.

– So here we have Jeremiah – very clearly God is speaking. And I love this, and another reminder, going into verse five as God starts to speak to Jeremiah – He speaks to the relationship that God has Jeremiah. He speaks to the value and worth that Jeremiah has and then to the role that God has for him. Right? – This is what God says – I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born, I set you apart and appointed you as My prophet to the nations. Right? God knew Jeremiah. Knew his name – knew how many hairs on his head – God knows us. He knows who you are – He made you. I love how David says it in Psalm 139:13 – talking to God – You God You made all of the delicate inner parts of my body. And You knit me together in my mother's womb. Thank You for making me so wonderfully complex – Your workmanship is marvelous – how well I know it. – God made Jeremiah – God made you. You are not a mistake. You might be in oops in your family – but you are not an oops to the Creator God. He loves you, He knows you, and He made you on purpose. And He also made you for a purpose. But, this is so important that you understand this, because the things that He invites us into we so often freak out and panic asking this question – God don't you know me? Don't you know I can't do that. But where do we start. But where do we start God saying I know you. I made you. I did not mess up with you. You are

not a mistake. We know from Ephesians 2:10 that as God save this he makes this a new creature in Christ and that we are His workmanship and that verse 10 of Ephesians 2:10 that we are to walk out the good things that He has planned long ago for us to do. God has plans that are good for us that He has a plan for – that we join Him in His work. It's the same for Jeremiah right? God is saying Hey I knew you, I made you, I have plans for you, let's go together. Same for us. We get to be a part of what God is doing. Makes me think of 1 Peter 2 just again to show that this is how God interacts with His people. 1 Peter 2:9 says you are a chosen people – you are Royal Priests, a Holy Nation, God's very own possession. And as a result, you can show others the good news. The goodness of God – for He called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Again this affirmation of relationship – affirmation of this New Identity – of relating to God – and then in that relationship there is a role to play in what God is doing. Like how Peter says that we are to show and tell God's goodness to the world. That is so much like Jeremiah, like he is to be a spokesperson for God. For those that were far from God – outside of God – people who were – and those who were far from God within God's people. To encourage them to challenge and to build them up. The same that we have for us. Well let's see Jeremiah responded to such affirmation and encouragement from God. Verse 6 – This is Jeremiah's response – O sovereign Lord – I said I am so pumped to join You in what You are doing! YES! – Isn't that what Jeremiah did? He's like – oh God You know who I am – You made me – like You are such a good God – You are able – God I would be so honored to be a part of what You are doing – Thank You. That's what a good Christian would do right? I mean that's what a good Christian... Oh I am so thankful for the things that God has invited me into. And then God only uses those people that respond really well. Right? No... Jeremiah's response, I can so relate to his response. Oh Sovereign Lord I can't. I can't, not that I won't – not that I'm not hearing You – I am hearing You and I see what You are inviting me into – I just – I can't. I am not enough. Well, isn't that Jeremiah's excuse? I can't do it... Why?... I'm too young – I can't speak – I can't do what you are asking me to do. We so often do this when God invites us into the things that He is doing – we look at ourselves as the solution and we come to the conclusion of I can't. I can't, I am not enough. I am not good enough, I'm not righteous enough, I don't know your Word enough, I am not gifted enough, I don't have enough time, I don't have enough resources, I don't have enough experience, I can't. I can't – I can't – I am not enough – I am not enough. I have come to learn that when I am hearing that word enough in my head it is often – it is a red flag. When I am looking at myself and trying to assess myself as the solution of God's invitation. But I am not enough and that is actually true – and that is actually good news.

One time God says in His Word that He is enough. And when we hear God say that He is enough that's how we know it is Him and it is time to move on. I love when He said this to Paul in 2 Corinthians 12 – Paul says he has a thorn in the flesh – this servant comes, the devil, this discouragement, this thing that was holding him back and was difficult to he didn't want to anymore and it was creating some crises and he prayed three times that God would take it away – would You have it be done – and God's response and we read this in verse 9 – each time God said My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness. My grace is all you need. No God I want You to change the circumstances – no God I want You to change me to be different. I want You to make me more gifted, more courageous – more extroverted – God would You do whatever You need to do to make me able to be a part of what You are doing. God says – My grace is all you need. God is saying My power works best in your weakness. And Paul got this crazy point where he was able to say and now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses so that the power of Christ can work through me. Paul understood that God is not looking for us in our strength. He doesn't always call us in our greatest ability to join and work with Him in that – no He calls us in our weakness. In our inability – that He might be the ability – right? – That it would point back to who He is. That all glory would go to Him. Inviting Jeremiah in. Jeremiah is

like... I can't... I can't. Let's see how God responds to some of these objections, and actually before reading that I want to say this – that we have these moments where we are saying that we can't – but really what we are saying is God You can't. God You can't do that with me. You are not big enough – powerful enough – faithful enough – good enough. That's what our crisis of belief is revealing.

We know the right answer – yes God will show up – yes God is good – yes God is able – we know those things, but when we actually get presented with an opportunity to be part of the work that God is doing around us, so often our response is... [whispering] I know the right answer – You are really good – I am totally freaking out inside! [Normal voice] But it was like that moment when we were in the tent laying down. What are we going to do? Something has to change. And so often as Christians in our fear we just stay there. And we miss out on experiencing our God. We miss out on this invitation to be a part of what He is doing around us. Whether it is to witness to a coworker or a family member. Whether it is to step up and start leading or volunteering. Whatever it is God is working around you and is presenting opportunities to you – and you have this question is that really You God are You really inviting me in? Then we start to look at our own resources – and we go – and I just – I can't do that – I really don't have what it takes – and God's response is – your right. You don't. But I do. Let's see what He says verse seven and eight – the Lord replied to Jeremiah – don't say I am too young for must go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of the people for I will be with you and will protect you – I the Lord have spoken. I love that in God's response He does not condemn Jeremiah. He does not attack Jeremiah – He doesn't move on. Like God wasn't surprised when He invited Jeremiah into this opportunity to be a part of what God was doing. God wasn't surprised when Jeremiah went – I can't. God wasn't like... Oh shoot, I don't know what to do now – I was hoping you would do a Jeremiah. No God knows who we are. He made us, He knows the weaknesses that we have – He knows that when He invites us from that place of weakness – our first response will be a crisis of belief. That we will freak out. And make up excuses, and some of it will be very legitimate when we look at ourselves as the solution. But – God. Like He doesn't condemn Jeremiah – He says no you don't need to worry about how young you are, how old you are how good you are how much you know the Bible – how gifted – you don't need to worry about all of that – just go wherever I send you – say whatever I tell you – right? Be connected to Me. Just walk with Me, just be in a relationship with Me and then God's solution – His presence and His protection. You don't need to be afraid because I am with you. Like God seems to believe that His presence is enough to overcome our fear. Over and over again all throughout Scripture God is saying, as people present objections to joining Him – I will be with you. I will be with you. And I want to share from me this is still a struggle. I know the right answer that God is with me and that is supposed to be really good and helpful – but so often I know that He is with me but I actually wonder if He is going to come through. And I have come to recognize why some of that is in my own life – we did a series in January talking about the Battle for Our Mind. How our life experience, how easily the enemy can wire in lies into our minds and we can believe those lies over the truth of God's Word. And that is true for me in this area – and I have got to work hard to continue to fight it. But for me, based on my childhood, I had adults around that were capable and able to step in and to protect me at different times – and they didn't. They didn't step in when I was facing abuse and difficulty and bullying in different things – they were present, but there was no protection. So it is hard for me to go God I see what you are saying, everything in my brain is saying yet present doesn't equal activity. Doesn't equal help or protection. But I was wrong – my mind needed and needs renewing.

In Romans 12:2 – not to be conformed to the behaviors and customs of this world – but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know God's will for you – that which is good and pleasing and perfect. Right God knows that when He invites us to join Him in the work that He is doing around us. It will create a crisis of belief that will often expose our

faulty belief systems – our faulty way of thinking – He knows we need to renew our thinking – the reframing of our minds. He is up for the journey. He is not panicking, He is not worried – He is like hey I am exposing these things in your life so you will journey with Me and continue to learn to trust Me. I so often see God – or have seen God as a spectator in my life. I played a lot of sports as a kid and I pictured my life and being played out on the field or the court in God was up in the stands – and at different times He would say... Yea – way to go – but at times He was like...

[Exasperated sigh] I can't believe he did that. So often I thought this distance between my life and His activity – But that is not true, that is not Biblical. God has given us His spirit – right? – He is within us – He is on the field, on the court in our lives. Galatians 2:20 – it is no longer I who live for Christ lives in me. Right He is not a spectator, He is a participant with us to do it together. It doesn't mean there won't be trials and difficulties – His presence doesn't mean everything will go easily – that's John 16:33 – where Jesus is reminding the disciples before He leaves – I am giving you my peace because you're going to need it – for you are going to face many trials and sorrows in this life. We are going to face difficulties on the outside and Paul talks about even in Galatians 5:17 how we're going to face difficulties on the inside – in our minds – as our natural man and God's Spirit comes in there is this conflict in our head of what do we do? I don't always do the things I want to do. And the things I don't want to do I do. And Romans 7 there is this difficulty – but it doesn't mean that God is in there. Our God is the solution to the gap that we see between ourselves and our abilities and the invitation He is inviting us to do.

Let's keep reading how God continues to be the solution. Verse 9 – then the Lord reached out and touched my mouth and said look, I have put My Words in your mouth. Again – no condemnation – no shame – yes Jeremiah had limits – that he was bringing into the equation. But God was the solution. Right? And I love that – who initiated God being the solution? God did. Who knew how to close that gap between Jeremiah's ability and the invitation from God? God did. But it is the same for us – that as God is inviting us into the work that He is doing around – He is drawing people to Himself. We so easily can look at our own ability – or our inability – and just say I can't. Man God I would love you to use me in the workplace, to be a witness for you – but I just can't. God I would love to be a part of what You are doing in investing in others and making disciples – I just feel like I can't. Because when I look at me I just see weakness and inability. But God sees an opportunity for His strength to shine through. I often think of this analogy to try to help me with this – to kind of wrestle through this they call it the Truth Train – but as we see God working around us – we are hearing Him speak – we come to this point of decision – and we have a little picture here of the train car of decision. We have this moment where what are we going to do with this moment of crisis of belief? We could either go with God's perspective – or with our own perspective – and the encouragement here from God is that we would attach ourselves to who He is. We have a picture here of God being the engine of the train. He is the ability – He is the power – He is the one that moves and gets through things. This is the perspective of Scripture – but so often when we trust in our own perspective – our own abilities – or our own feelings – I have another picture here of the caboose. In the middle there again we have this... What are we going to do? Are we going to attach ourselves to God or are we going to go with our own understanding. But the reality is when we go with our own understanding – when we go with our feelings for our perspective – really we can't go anywhere or we're just going downhill.

We're just going backwards. But as we attach ourselves to who God is As we - right - just go wherever He says – and we say what He says – in the moment He will show up. We attach ourselves to – He is the solution and He takes us through. But I want to know one thing – if you see the connection between the decision car and the caboose there there is a little squiggly line. And I often think that squiggly line is like a bungee cord. Meaning that we start to make decisions based on God's Word and we attach ourselves to Him and start to continue to move in that direction – but we don't

feel OK on the inside. We are still panicking and freaking out with it. Our feelings are still back there and that moment of indecision. And we just keep moving – the nice part is it is a bungee cord – so, eventually we keep moving with God – we keep trusting Him take hold of His Word and the council that we are getting – eventually our feelings catch up and would have his moment of – I knew God was working. He is so faithful He is so good – but then it is a bungee cord and moment you're like I am just totally freaked out – I don't know where God is – and the caboose is getting away – and then again it comes back up and it is like – Oh man God You are so good, I love You! – Yes – that is what it is like to walk with God.

He is inviting us into things that He is doing. He is the all powerful, eternal God. He is working miracles every day, drawing people to Himself. The work that He invites us into matters. And in that there is difficulty and struggle it doesn't always feel good, or feel right. But that is when we attach ourselves to who He is. What His Word says. What we know to be true. And again, this doesn't go away. I think about when I first started walking with God – one of the first crisis of belief that I had – I had a non-Christian girlfriend which makes sense – we were non-Christian – I became a Christian – I started sharing the things that I was learning about God what He was doing in my life. And her response was just kind of like – oh that's nice... No open door – nothing – not interested. And I just started to have been reading God's word – hearing God right in His Word. As I was praying, looking at my circumstances I could see the God was calling me to break up with her. I knew from His Word to not be unequally yoked – or from the Old Testament not to intermarry – I just knew that this was Him – I was praying in God was using different people who were randomly say things. And I said well God I know is You. And I have a peace about what You are saying. I have a peace that it is You, but I am totally freaking out over the consequences. Is she going to hate me, am I going to be a jerk, am I going to be judged? All of these other consequences of – I am the only Christian that she might know – this might be an opportunity for You to... I am afraid of the consequences. I just want to say this too – this wasn't no missionary I work with young adults a lot and they – different times – we call it missionary dating – when a Christian is like – oh look at that hottie over there – God you can use me, I will be on mission with You to go save that person! So God my heart is so pure I love You I love people I am making disciples! Of this non-Christian boyfriend girlfriend whatever. Like none of that. Like that is not the heart of God. But I was in the moment of crisis of belief, of God are You going to work things out? And I made a decision to trust Him and He said – hey, I love her more than you do – I know what is better than you – trust Me. But these moments of crisis don't go away.

Actually for me today one of the most consistent moments of crisis of belief that I have is when it comes to preaching God's Word in front of all of you. My natural self – Sam Meredith – left to himself would never ever, ever, ever, ever... Get up in front of people and talk. Who does that? That is terrifying – right. An absolute weakness for me in my natural self. Speeches in high school were like – my knees would buckle – my voice would choke – I couldn't speak. Like that is naturally me. But through God's word we have a mandate to be sharing God and who He is – different circumstances and counsel – I have found myself in different opportunities where God was inviting me – I'm always like – me?... You know me God I mean what are you doing? Inviting me to get up and to preach. And when I look at myself I say – I can't – I can't do that. And God goes I know – but I can. And will you trust Me? Will you allow Me the Almighty God to use you in your weakness – in your brokenness – because when you do then He gets and all the credit – He gets all the glory. And then we are part of what He is doing. Right? And for you we are all need different right? For you man like I just have no problem getting in front of everybody. Like... More power to you! But we are gifted differently, some of you to share your faith is no problem, but for others it is terrifying. It doesn't matter your ability. Quit looking at yourself as the solution. You are not. But He is. That is who He is – He invites you – He invites me. In our weakness, in our inability, in our I can't to join Him in what He is

doing. And the things that He is doing are not easy. Look at how this ends in verse 10. Jeremiah 1:10 – God is speaking to Jeremiah. Today I appoint you to stand up against nations and kingdoms. Some you must uproot and tear down destroy and overthrow – others you must build up and plant. The work that God was inviting Jeremiah into was not easy work. But it mattered. He got to be God's spokesperson to the nations and some to confront and to challenge them to walk away, but to others yet to build up into encouraged to walk with God.

The things that God is inviting you and me into are not easy things. Your moment – my moment of crisis is justified when we look at ourselves. But we need to continue to learn and to encourage each other to look to God. To attach ourselves to Him. I want to share a passage from Matthew 26 – speaking about Jesus and just to show that this crisis of belief is normal for us, but how do we work through that? Here in Matthew 26 Jesus has already had the last supper with His disciples – He knows what is coming with the cross and here we see Him leaving the last supper in the upper room – going to the Mount of Olives and having this prayer time with the disciples and with God. In Matthew 26:36 it says then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane. And He said sit here while I go over there to pray. And to Peter and Zebedee's two sons James and John and He became anguished and distressed. And He told them my soul is crushed with with grief to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with Me. Then He went on a little further – bowed His face to the ground saying My Father if it is possible let this cup of suffering be taken away from Me. Yet – I want Your will be done, not Mine. Like Jesus in His humanity had this moment of crisis. Of deep anguish and grief. This moment of weakness - God is there any other way I can be with You but go around this opportunity You have here, but not what I want, but what You want. And we know that Jesus continued with the Father, He still went to the cross. He still was betrayed and beaten and buried. But, we know that God raised Him from the dead. That He has conquered death. That He has forgiven our sins. That He has ascended to the Father – He is sitting in the place glory. He attached Himself to the Father. It didn't mean it was easy, but it was worth it.

The things that God is inviting you and me into in this life they matter. They are difficult and challenging – both from the things we will face – but also from the battles in our mind. But He is worth it. And I love that Jesus did not go into the cross with all of this power, with all of the strength – and all of this confidence, but He went in humbly and weak. And going Father I need You. And I can relate to that. That is me. When God presents opportunities it is not like oh I've got this – God you can just trust me God – You can just go work with somebody else because I so have this handle for You. But like God invites us into areas where we go – wow – I can't – I know but I can. Will you trust Me? Will you attach yourself to Me and let Me work in and through you. That we might get to experience Him that others might get to see His goodness in this world. So where are you at today? Have you made that decision to attach yourself to God? Have you surrendered yourself. Has that car, that train car that point of decision where you have two options – you can keep doing life on your own – going with your perspective your understanding your ability – or – surrender yield and attach yourself to God and to His perspective and His ability. And yes it is scary – it does create a crisis what are we going to do? But as we attach ourselves to Him and surrender to Him we start to see that His presence makes a difference in our life. And his ability to provide and to protect outweighs the difficulties that we face that He is greater.

I want to encourage you and if you have not made that decision to make that decision today. To surrender your life to God. To attach your car to Him and His ability. You can text into us and let us know you have made that decision – we have some people up front who want to pray with you afterwards. If you've already made that decision, and maybe you currently are in a moment of crisis of belief where you have been seeing God speak to you, you know that it is Him but you are terrified of what might happen if you join Him and obey. Two things I want to encourage you to do. One is just to admit to yourself what is going on. You're scared and that is OK. The things He is inviting you into

matter and He is worth it. But also I want to encourage you to share that with someone. Someone in your Life Group, at home. Some of you you no need to go... Hey I believe God has invited me into this, and I am totally freaking out – would you pray for me would you give me counsel. Maybe you are in a moment where you are not in a crisis of belief. Praise God. It's a time when you can give thanks and celebrate. But how do you continue to be a part of what He is doing to people in life around you and encourage them. I know for me I want to be a person who is willing to trust God – I want to be a person that attaches myself to who He is. I want to be a person that continues to experience God. I don't want the moment of his activity in my life to be in my past, I want them to be in my present and in my future. And this is where we need to continue to be a people – to encourage one another to accept one another in our weakness. That we can admit when God has invited us into something that is scary – we know the right answer, but we are terrified. That we could be a people that is honest and humble and that we would continue to remind each other of who our God is. Of how faithful He is – that He is worthy of our trust. And that we understand each other when we are struggling and we are down. And to remind each other of who our God is, and His ability to come through. And to feel weak is to be human. Even to identify with Jesus. So that God can show up – that God can continue to work in us and through us to His Glory. Let's pray – God thinks for who You are – they You that you are good and faithful – Think You that You are working all around us – Thank You that You invite us to be a part of what You are doing. God help us in our moment of crisis to be honest with you, to be honest with others. God that you would help us to move through that crisis that it wouldn't be what we want, but it would be Your will be done. God that we and others would experience who You are. We need You and we ask and pray these things in Jesus name. Amen.