

**Berean Christian Church
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Vacation Bible School

Issues of the Heart

**“The Unbelieving Heart”
Day 1**

I. Reasons for Unbelief

Listed below are common factors that cause Christians to experience unbelief.

1. Children of God can experience unbelief as a result of _____
_____.

Acts 8:1

“Saul agreed that the killing of Stephen was good. On that day the church of Jerusalem began to be persecuted, and all the believers, except the apostles, were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.” (NCV)

2. Children of God can experience unbelief as a result of _____
_____.

Ephesians 6:11-12

“Put on the full armor of God so that you can fight against the devil’s evil tricks. 12) Our fight is not against people on earth but against the rulers and authorities and the powers of this world’s darkness, against the spiritual powers of evil in the heavenly world.” (NCV)

3. Children of God can experience unbelief as a result of _____
_____.

Mark 16:14

“Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their stubborn unbelief because they refused to believe those who had seen him after he had been raised from the dead.” (NLT)

4. Children of God can experience unbelief as a result of _____
_____.

Ephesians 4:26-27

“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27) Neither give place to the devil.” (KJV)

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5. Children of God can experience unbelief as a result of _____

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

“Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn’t talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. 2) I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren’t ready for anything stronger. And you still aren’t ready.” (NLT)

II. Repercussions of Unbelief

Listed below are consequences of not displaying strong faith.

1. _____ is a consequence of not displaying strong faith.

Genesis 3:16-19, 23

“Then God said to the woman, “I will cause you to have much trouble when you are pregnant, and when you give birth to children, you will have great pain. You will greatly desire your husband, but he will rule over you.” 17) Then God said to the man, “You listened to what your wife said, and you ate fruit from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat. “So I will put a curse on the ground, and you will have to work very hard for your food. In pain you will eat its food all the days of your life. 18) The ground will produce thorns and weeds for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19) You will sweat and work hard for your food. Later you will return to the ground, because you were taken from it. You are dust, and when you die, you will return to the dust.”

23) So the Lord God forced Adam out of the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken.” (NCV)

2. _____ is a consequence of not displaying strong faith.

Numbers 20:12

“Then the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.” (NKJV)

3. _____ is a consequence of not displaying strong faith.

Matthew 13:57-58

“So the people were upset with Jesus. But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is honored everywhere except in his hometown and in his own home.” 58) So he did not do many miracles there because they had no faith.” (NCV)

4. _____ is a consequence of not displaying strong faith.

Mark 4:35, 37-40

“And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side”.

37) And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. 38) And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? 39) And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. 40) And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?” (KJV)

5. _____ is a consequence of not displaying strong faith.

Luke 1:13, 18-20

“But the angel said to him, “Zechariah, don’t be afraid. God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give birth to a son, and you will name him John.”

18) Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I know that what you say is true? I am an old man, and my wife is old, too.” 19) The angel answered him, “I am Gabriel. I stand before God, who sent me to talk to you and to tell you this good news. 20) Now, listen! You will not be able to speak until the day these things happen, because you did not believe what I told you. But they will really happen.” (NCV)

III. Recovery from Unbelief

Listed below are steps for individuals to overcome unbelief.

1. You can overcome unbelief by _____ it is an issue personally.

John 20:24-25

“One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 24) They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.” (NLT)

2. You can overcome unbelief by _____ out to Jesus for assistance earnestly.

Mark 9:22-24

“The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.” 23) “What do you mean, ‘If I can’?” Jesus asked. “Anything is possible if a person believes.” 24) The father instantly cried out, “I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!” (NLT)

