

1. Don't base your view of God on your \_\_\_\_\_

*I say to you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John the Baptist!* Matthew 11:11 NASB

*John said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him.*

Mark 6:18-20 NIV

*When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum.* Matthew 4:12-13 NIV

*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, Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."* Matthew 11:2-6 NIV

2. Don't confuse God's \_\_\_\_\_ for His absence

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