

TALK IT OVER

He Gets My Confusion

BOTTOM LINE

In confusion we crave certainty, but we forge ahead with clarity.

CONVERSATION STARTER

How would you change your life today if the average life expectancy was 150 years?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [How Do I Get Through Loss and Confusion?](#) by Rick Warren.

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down, but we are not destroyed. Through suffering, our bodies continue to share in the death of Jesus so that the life of Jesus may also be seen in our bodies. ... That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever. 2 Corinthians 4:8-10, 16-18 NLT

We have a great high priest, who has gone into heaven, and he is Jesus the Son of God. This is why we must hold on to what we have said about him. Jesus understands every weakness of ours, because he was tempted in every way that we are. But he did not sin! Hebrews 4:14-15 CEV

“Jesus is not only God WITH us, but also the God who GETS us.”
– Dave VanDonge

“Confusion’s redemptive purpose is to bring us back to dependence on Him, so anticipate it and embrace it.” – Dave VanDonge

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What does it mean for someone to “get you”? Who in your life has done that very well? What’s the difference between certainty and clarity? Why do you think we seek certainty so much? How is desiring certainty a cause of relational problems? Spiritual problems? What is your response to thinking of Jesus having confusion? There are times when confusion is aided by those we love and who love us. (Example: Peter and Jesus) Discuss. What drives us to do that to others? To accept it ourselves? Jesus fought the confusion first by ANCHORING IN TRUTH. Discuss God’s Word as a lamp—enough light for the next step. How have you found that true? Jesus ANTICIPATED AND EMBRACED CONFUSION. It increased His dependence on God. How does that work for you? Matthew 26:39 says Jesus PRAYED THROUGH INSTEAD OF PRAYED AWAY. How do you know when to pray away or pray through? How can you keep and strengthen a desire to not short circuit God’s plans? Are you willing to trust God for clarity instead of certainty? How will you recognize it?

ACTION STEP

Certainty is no longer my goal except my certainty in Christ. I will anchor myself in God’s truth and defeat confusion by embracing it and praying through, starting now with this situation: _____