

Brittle Beliefs

Belief in Disbelief

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Belief answers the question _____ behind my behavior.

Disbelief is the inability to accept what is _____ or _____.
_____ is when something that is *not* true or real or reliable drives my behavior.

²⁸ Then the Jewish leaders took Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness they did not enter the palace, because they wanted to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate came out to them and asked, "What charges are you bringing against this man?"³⁰ "If he were not a criminal," they replied, "we would not have handed him over to you."

³¹ Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law." "But we have no right to execute anyone," they objected.

³² This took place to fulfill what Jesus had said about the kind of death he was going to die. John 18:28-32, NIV

Brittle Belief: I have my own elaborate _____.
Jesus does not _____ into it and even _____ it.

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴ "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵ "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"³⁶ Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷ "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. John 18:33-37, NIV

Wanting to satisfy the crowd, Pilate released Barabbas to them. He had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified. Mark 15:15, NIV

Brittle Belief: My beliefs _____ based on each situation,
I will do what protects what I _____.

With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, "I find no basis for a charge against him. ³⁹ But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release 'the king of the Jews?'" ⁴⁰ They shouted back, "No, not him! Give us Barabbas!" Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising. John 18:38^b-40, NIV

Brittle Belief: My decision is driven only by _____.
My intense _____ betray me.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

³⁸ "What is truth?" retorted Pilate. John 18:37-38^a, NIV

¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. John 1:18, NIV
Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. John 17:17, NIV

Jesus tells me the _____ about God. I am _____ for my repeated lapses into disbelief and _____ to live for him.

MEMORY VERSE

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Bottom Line: The truth is that Jesus has paid for my sins and I am his dearly loved child. I will believe what Jesus tells me.

What's your next step today?

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