

“BUT WHAT IF?”

JOHN 6:22-33

“What ifs” can take you on a very unsettled rollercoaster ride! Indeed, they can make mountains out of mole hills and quickly sink your mental ship. Unfortunately, we’ve all been there and allowed a few to grab the upper hand.

OBSTACLES HINDERING BELIEF

① Temporary D_____ (6:24-27)

They soon captivate the mind and seize the heart and become what you live for, work for, wait for and can’t exist without. They begin to _____ your satisfaction and joy in this life and the absence creates disappointment and discontentment.

Instead of filling their _____, they sought to fill once again their _____.

Instead of fast food for your belly, desire lasting food that really satisfies.

The delights from God echo throughout the Psalms (16:11; 23:1,5-6; 37:4; 68:19; 107:9).

② Earthly D_____ (6:28-29)

_____ compels me to insert myself into the equation and walk away from it with an element of self-worth, self-contribution, self-satisfaction.

Man wants to do the _____ of God!

Salvation is by _____ – but not the work of man but the work of God (Eph. 2:8-9)!

Your needed response, that “you believe,” is solely due to the _____ work of God.

③ Limited D_____ (6:30-33)

Because we have limited understanding due to our finite minds and earthly constraints, we don’t always see clearly, let alone deduce clearly (1 Corinthians 13:12).

We must exercise caution in the handling the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15).

1. Avoid _____ a text from its context.
2. Avoid _____ your interpretation into the passage.
3. Avoid _____ a hidden meaning.
4. Avoid _____ the literal meaning.
5. Avoid _____ the best commentary.
6. Avoid _____ to the application.
7. Avoid _____ multiple interpretations.

CONCLUSION

Simple faith moves you to simply respond in belief. It’s a matter of trusting Him, of taking Him at His Word, of bowing your knee and surrendering your will and submitting your desires to Him.