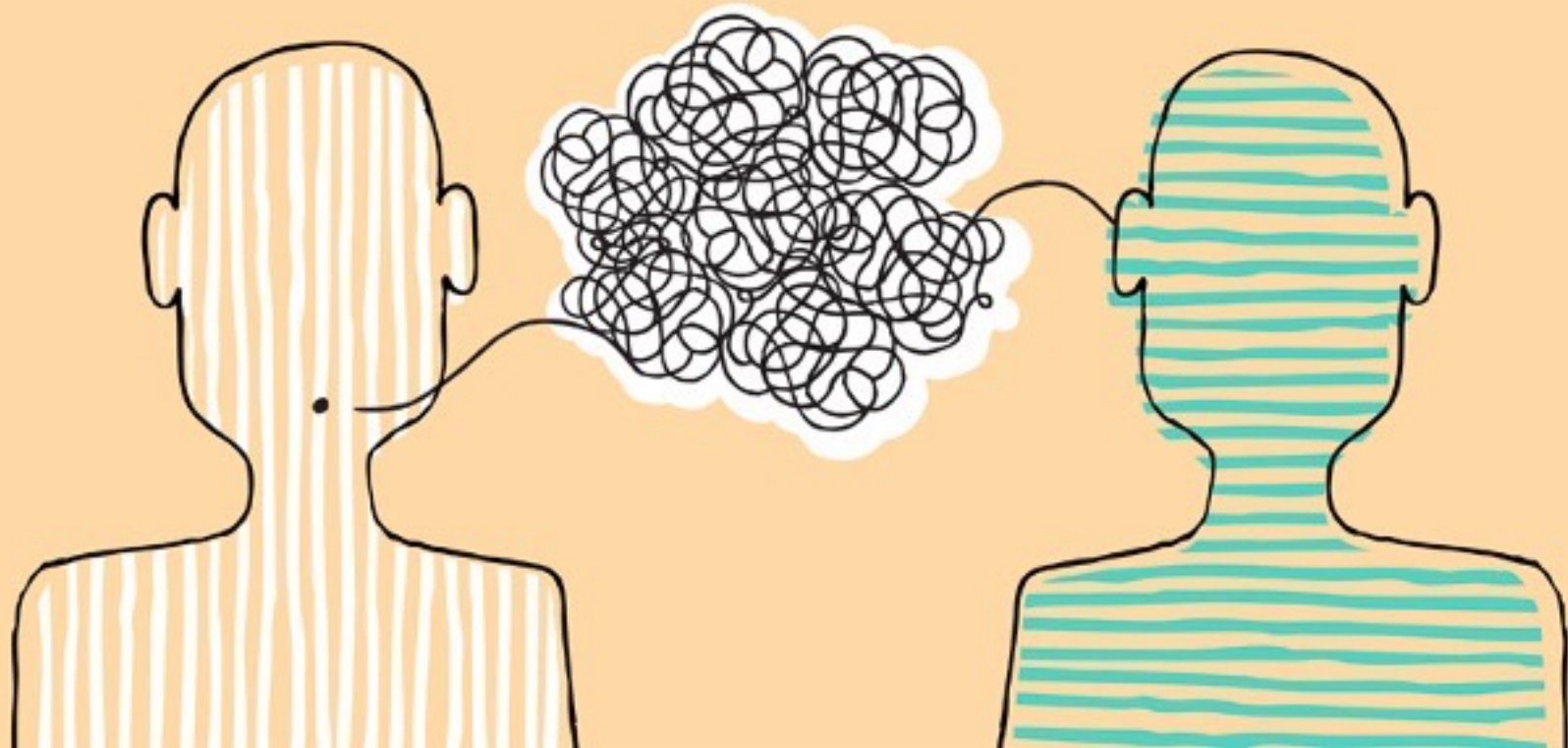


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- There is a lot of noise out there. We're flooded with news, blogs, twitter, and other forms of media where every opinion or commentary - no matter how uninformed or irrelevant - has a platform.
- Beyond that, we are confronted with the voices of co-workers, neighbors, teachers, politicians, and even family members who have come to some rather wild conclusions about God and His church.
- Should any of this surprise us?

"NOTHING RELIABLE"

Psalm 5:8-10



"FETTERS AND CORDS"

- Psalm 2:1-3 - There will always be a natural tendency to reject God's authority. Many bristle at the notion of being subject to divine will, especially those who are used to enjoying freedom and liberty as basic rights.
- Of course, tearing God's fetters from oneself does not actually result in lasting freedom. Everybody is subject to something, either knowingly (to God) or unwittingly (to sin). See Romans 6:12-23 and Galatians 5:1 & 13.

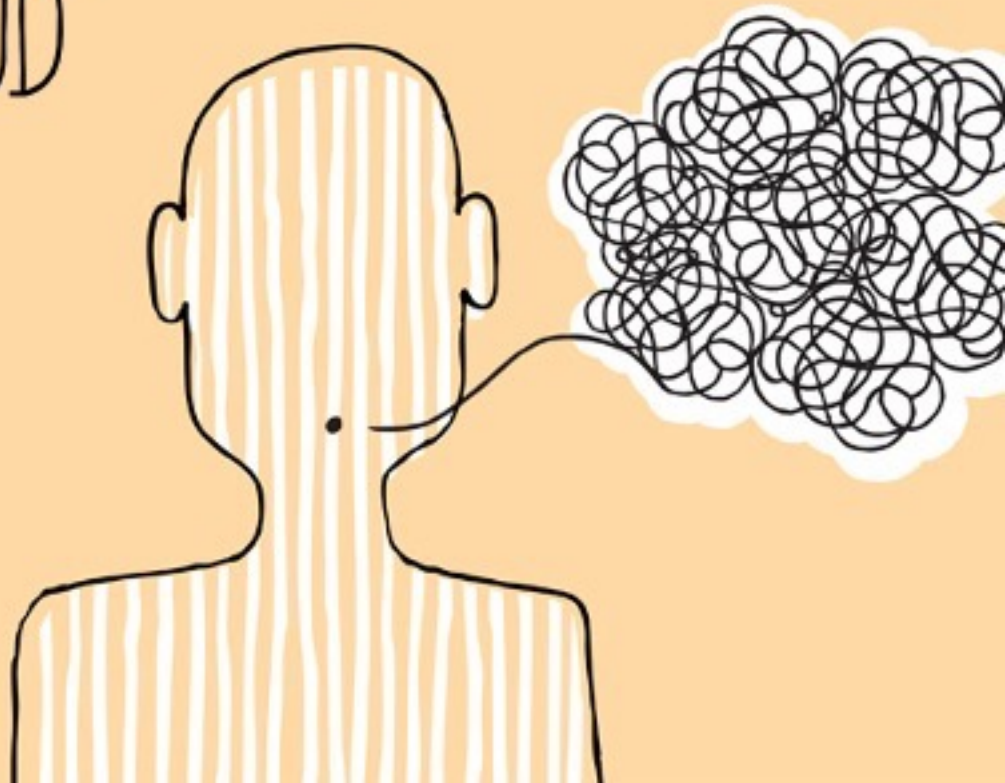
- Psalm 3:1-2
- Psalm 13:3-4
- Psalm 71:10-11
- Present circumstances are not always the best indication of our standing with God. Many believers have faced trials, leading their unbelieving peers to question God's justice (or His existence).
- The challenge is to not fall for the same flawed logic (1 Peter 4:12ff, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

"GOD HAS FORSAKEN"

"THERE IS NO GOD"

Psalm 10:4, 14:1

Romans 1:18-23



PSALM 10

- I appreciate that the writer feels close enough to God to ask some tough questions. It's important to point out that they do not come from a lack of faith – just confusion.
- “All his thoughts” – Often, unbelievers show an obsession with God that betrays their insecurity.
- “I shall not be moved” – It doesn't take a miracle from God to prove how foolish this boast is. Financial, environmental, medical disaster is often right around the corner!

"GOD HAS FORGOTTEN"

Psalm 10:11 - Don't be so sure (2 Peter 3:3-7)!

"I WILL SPEAK THUS"

Psalm 73:10-20



"IF YOU WOULD
LISTEN TO ME!"

Psalm 81:8-16

