

Confronting Unbelief Together

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The Struggle

Are Christians struggling with unbelief today?

Do people battle unbelief more before or after becoming Christians?

Have you ever worried, depressed, or become anxious?

This series will address the various forms of unbelief that Christians face.

As Christians, we want to say, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith” (2 Tim 4:7).

Spiritual Warfare

This series is about **spiritual warfare**.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm” (Eph 6:12–13; cf. Rom 13:11–12; 2 Cor 10:3–5; 1 Pet 2:11).

Faith Like Abraham

God's promise of salvation is by grace through faith.

The saved have a faith like Abraham that God “gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist” (Rom 4:16–17; cf. Heb 11:17–19).

Christians need to increase their faith that glorifies God in sense of the future.

Consider the faith of Abraham in **Romans 4:18–22**.

Should Christians imitate Abraham's faith?

What does **Romans 4:23–25** say?

The Need for Each Other

The apostle Paul traveled usually in a group.

Paul was not a loner and he had to **rely on others** (2 Cor 7:5–7).

The Bible teaches that Christians **need each other**.

Christians need to surround themselves with those who will pray and encourage them (Heb 3:12–14).

The Purpose of Gathering

What is the purpose of meeting together?

The apostle exhorted, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a terrifying expectation of judgment and the fury of a fire which will consume the adversaries” (**Heb 10:23–27** NASB).

Purpose for Gathering

1. **Assembling demonstrates our faith and confession of hope.**
2. **Gathering is for the good of “one another.”**
3. **Intentionally meeting provokes love and good works for us to leave with love and good works.**
4. **Not meeting is a habit of disobedience for you and a disregard for those around you.**
5. **Meeting increases our focus on the last day – the day of resurrection.**
6. **Gathering is to help Christians overcome willful sinning.**

Encourage Every Day

There is another **often overlooked passage** about **assembling together**.

The apostle urged, “Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end” (**Heb 3:12–14**).

Why do Christians need to encourage one another **every day**?

Evil Unbelieving Heart

What was evil unbelief in the heart?

The back story is the Israelites rebelling against God and refusing to take the Promised Land (Heb 3).

What did God say about this rebellion in **Hebrews 3:7–11**?

Is not unbelief rejecting what God has given you?

Therefore, unbelief is evil.

Unbelief and Sin

Unbelief leads to sin, and sin leads to unbelief.

What did Jesus reveal in **John 3:16–21**?

Because of the deceitfulness of sins, Christians must assemble and encourage one another.

How devastating is forsaking the assembly of the church?

Consider **Hebrews 10:26–31**.

Restore

Christians need to stay close to one another in order to restore those who wander.

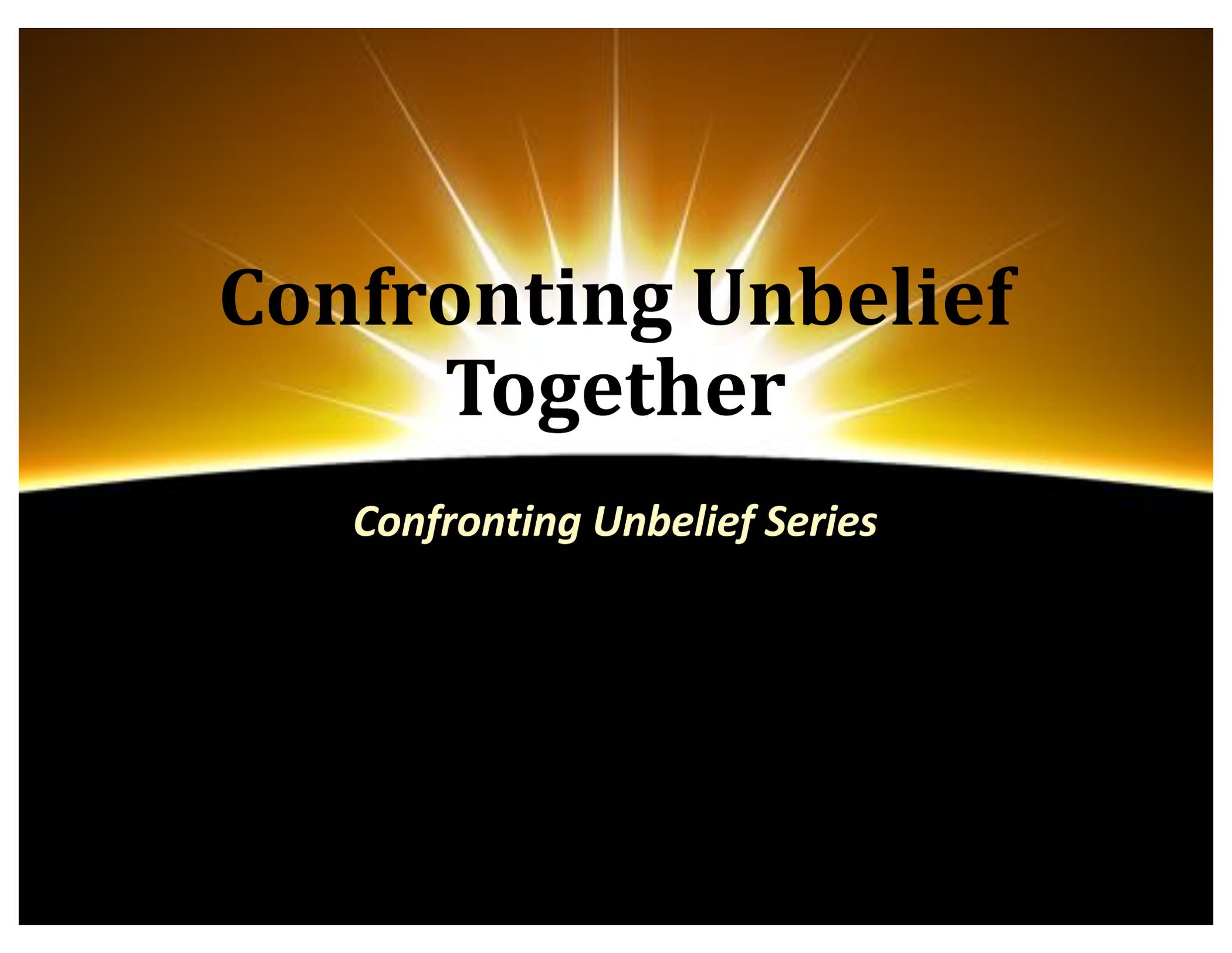
“My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins” (Jas 5:19–20; cf. Gal 6:1–5; Jude 22–23).

Why do we encourage people to come to church?

The Saving Gospel

Paul revealed the Gospel of first importance and essential to salvation (1 Cor 15:1–4).

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin” (**Rom 6:4–6**).



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