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## INTRODUCTION

Uncertainty. As a society, we live in a world of uncertainty. Uncertain social conditions. Uncertain economic times. Uncertain global developments. Yet, uncertainty is nothing new. The characters in the Bible experienced wildly fluctuating levels of uncertainty, often feeling as if life was moving backwards and getting worse. Throughout time, the questions remain the same: Where's God? Is He going to show up? Is He still in control?

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## PART 1

### VIDEO NOTES

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For most of us, we've experienced life-shifting events, whether they've happened on a personal or global level. When these things happen, we often find ourselves looking up and we wonder, "Is God still active? Is He still working? Is the Bible even relevant right now?"

The answer to all of these questions is a resounding "Yes." Every single story in the Bible is a story of uncertainty and an amazing picture that God still has the whole world in His hands. We can look at the lives of Joseph, Jochebed, Rahab, King David, Mary, and so many others. The Bible is a record of God's faithfulness through uncertain times. We find that God seems to do some of His most amazing work during these seasons in our lives. And while answering positively to "Does God still have the whole world in His hands?" may not change your immediate reality, it will allow you to hold onto hope and maintain your faith that God is truly in control, that He is active, and He has not abandoned you.

When life is uncertain, **God is not.**  
He's **still** got the whole world in his hands.

## LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

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1. What has been the brightest moment in your life? What has been the darkest moment in your life?
2. Does God become bigger during brighter or darker moments in your life? How does your relationship with God change during certain/uncertain times?
3. What other passages from the Bible depict uncertain times for the characters involved? What does it mean to say that “God is active” or that “God is at work”?
4. How can God still be active when there seems to be no evidence of his activity?
5. How does it help to know that God still has the whole world in his hands when you travel through a dark season of uncertainty?

## THIS WEEK

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Some of the brightest moments in our lives are the result of brokenness. When we can see that God is working through undesirable circumstances—even the ones we bring on ourselves—there is a sense of purpose and peace that emerges. Knowing that God is still active during uncertain times allows us to maintain hope and faith and keeps us from despair. We can rest knowing that God has not abandoned us and that he is still in control.

When emotions are high, it's hard to gain this type of perspective. This week, think back to hard circumstances you have already been through. Where did you see God moving? What good things have come from the hard? What new things came about because of what was lost?

In addition, take some time to go back into the Bible stories Buck referenced in his message. Write out some of the ways God showed up in times of uncertainty as a reminder of His faithfulness then and now.

And **we know** that in **all** things **God works** for the **good** of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28