**Jesus Requires Hard Things**

**Forgiveness is hard 4**

*Is it time for you to “forgive” God?*

**Has there been times in your life when you felt God disappointed you?**

**What do you think of the idea of “forgiving” God?**

**Read the following texts and write the feeling of the writer:**

**Psalms 10:1-2**

**Psalms 13:1-2**

**Habakkuk 1:2-4**

**Psalms 44:11-13**

**Psalms 74:11**

**There are countless more texts that sound a lot like these in fact; Out of 150 psalms, 48 are individual laments, and 16 are corporate laments (for a total of 64). There are 15 psalms of trust, 20 of praise, and 13 of wisdom. Remember, the book of Psalms was the hymnbook for ancient Israel, and 43 percent of their congregational singing proved to be complaints and expressions of sadness and disappointment with God!**

**Considering these texts, is there something we can learn about how to handle disappointment with God?**

**If we truly seek to believe in a God of miracles who is all powerful, loving, and benevolent, wont that just make us more vulnerable to further disappointment?**

**If we, however, lower our faith expectations, doesn’t something die inside us?**

**Is there a difference between hope and expectation?**

**If so, what is that difference, and is it better to concentrate on retaining one and letting the other go when faced with disappointment with God?**