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TITLE	The Problem of God's Existence
SERIES	Everyone has questions about God. They can be difficult and overwhelming and stir up doubts inside of us. Let's look for some answers as we investigate The Problem of God, because an informed faith is stronger than an assumed one.

We can look at the existence of God through the evidence of morality, design, and personal experience.

1. Do you think it takes more courage to be a believer or to be a skeptic? What are some reasons/examples for your choice?
2. David suggested that it is a bigger burden to prove the nonexistence of God than to prove His existence. Do you agree? Why or why not?
3. If you designed a custom home and discovered that the builders did not use a consistent, standard unit of measurement, what would be the result? Using the same principle for morals and ethics, what inherent standards of morality do you see in human nature that are needed for harmony? Do you agree that this indicates that God has written a truth on our hearts (Romans 2:15)?
4. The scientist Francis Collins asserts that all DNA is structured, intelligent information. What examples of structured designs do you personally see around you? Is it possible for this NOT to be designed by a creator? Why or why not?
5. Some evidence that points toward the existence of God is through personal encounters. How important do you think this evidence is as a believer or as a skeptic? Have you dismissed encounters or responded to someone who has dismissed personal happenstances? How would you respond to a dismissal of this?
6. Of the three pieces of evidence David gave us (morality, design, and personal experiences), which one do you personally find the most convincing and why? Are there any of these three that you struggle with? What other evidence could you use to point to the existence of God?
7. Christianity is a cognitive faith that requires a deep level of commitment to understand concepts and truths. God invites us all to sit down with him through this process, as stated in Isaiah 1:18: "Come now, and let us reason together," says the Lord." With patience and understanding, God responds to our doubts. How should we respond to each other while sitting on either side of the fence of belief vs. skepticism?

Billy Graham said, "Can you see God? You haven't seen him? I've never seen the wind. I see the effects of the wind, but I've never seen the wind. There's a mystery to it." What if the evidence of our morality, the universe's design, and our own personal experience are the effects of God's existence?