



REASON

Finding a Reasonable Faith in the Face of Doubt

Faith & Doubt

Having doubt is not the
evidence of not having faith.

Faith isn't a feeling.

Faith isn't a force.

Faith isn't a magic fixer.

Faith isn't certainty.

Now we see things **imperfectly**, like
puzzling reflections in a mirror...
All that I know now is partial and
incomplete...

1 Corinthians 13:12 NLT

Faith isn't the absence of doubt.



Belief



Unbelief



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Belief

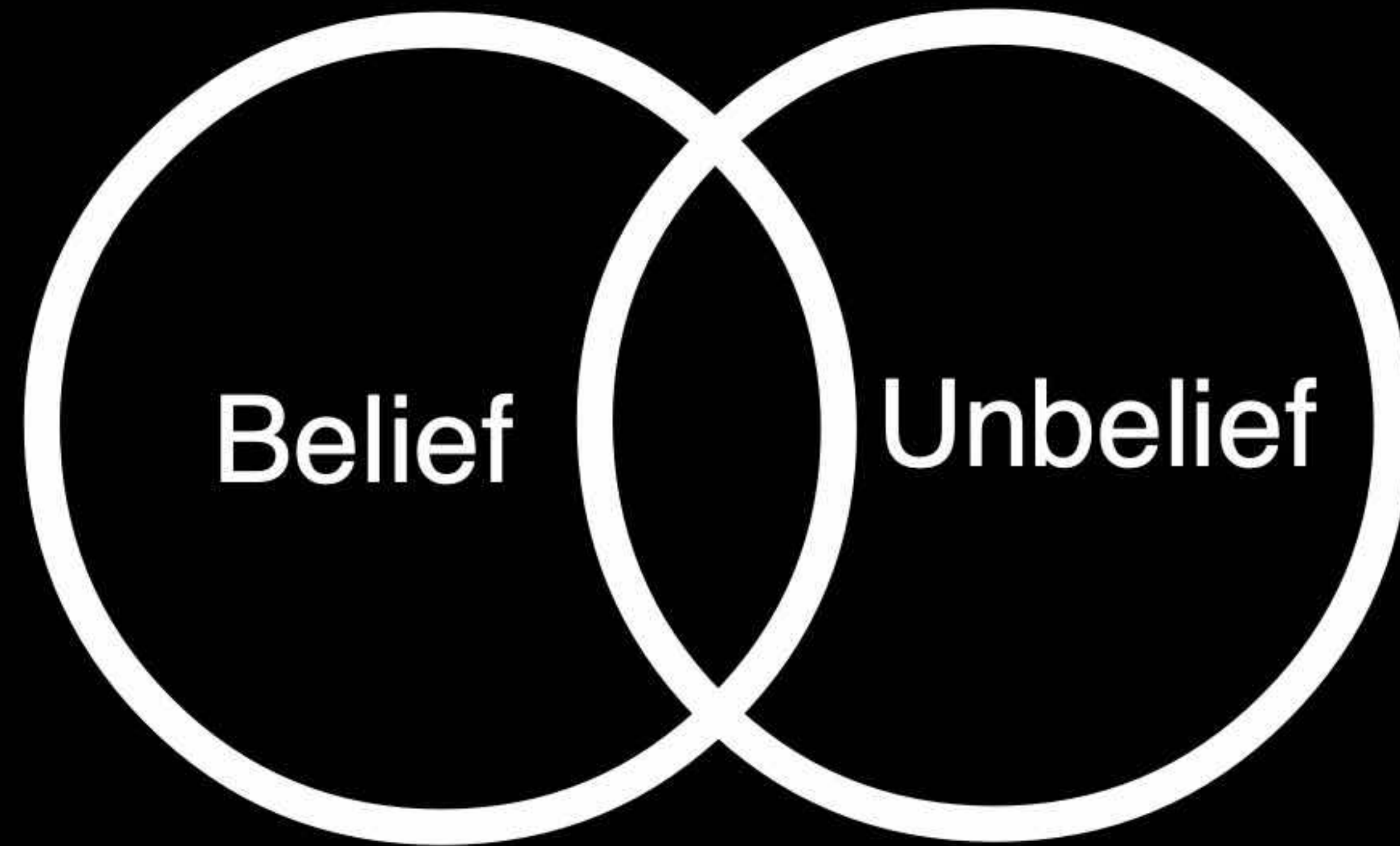
Unbelief

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Belief

Doubt

Unbelief



Immediately the boy's father
exclaimed, "I do believe;

Mark 9:24 NIV

Immediately the boy's father
exclaimed, "I do believe; help me
overcome my unbelief!"

Mark 9:24 NIV

David

O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand?

Psalms 13:1-2 NLT

But I trust in your unfailing love. I
will rejoice because you have
rescued me.

Psalms 13:5 NLT

Jeremiah

Yet I still **dare to hope** when I
remember this:

Lamentations 3:21 NIV

The faithful love of the Lord never
ends! His mercies never cease.
Great is his **faithfulness**; his mercies
begin afresh each morning.

Lamentations 3:22-23 NIV

John the Baptizer

...“Are you the one who is to come,
or should we expect someone
else?”

Matthew 11:3 NIV

Jesus replied, “Go back and report
to John what you **hear** and **see**:

Matthew 11:4 NIV

Thomas

Faith begins with facts.

....Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the **reason** for the hope that you have.

1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Behind every belief
there is a reason.

It is completely reasonable to want
a good reason to embrace faith.

Doubts don't disqualify you from
faith, they prepare you for faith.

*In faith there is enough light for those who
want to believe and enough shadows
to blind those who don't.*

Blaise Pascal