

# **The Struggle Between Logic and Faith**

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**Text: John 11:1-27**

In times of loss and great difficulty we are often asked to make that “Leap of faith” which goes beyond human logic, takes hold of faith, and continues to believe. This is not a denial of facts or reality, nevertheless it is a determination to trust God in spite of all we see and know.

## **I. Logic asks the question of “Why?” - “Lord, if only...”**

- A. “If only” asks the question of why did Jesus not take action?**
- B. “If only” remind us of our struggle to reason why things are the way they are.**

## **II. Faith clings to hope — “But even now...”**

- A. “Even now” declares, “With Jesus there is hope when there is no hope.”**
- B. “Even now” proclaims, “God is at work even when it seems all is lost.”**

## **III. Faith never discounts possibilities - “I know you are able...”**

- A. He is able, even when you’ve waited so long and you’re tired of trying to believe—even then God is able.**
- B. He is able, even when you think the time to believe is past—even then God is able.**

## **Conclusion**

The walk of faith often calls us beyond the confines of logic—not in acting rashly or recklessly—but in continuing to believe when all circumstances tell us all is lost. As we see in our story, perfect faith is not required and perfect understanding is not required, however a willingness to trust God in spite of all we see IS required.