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DAN Paterson

Along the journey toward faith no one is exempt from getting tripped up by doubts. Whether we get caught on intellectual objections to the Christian story, or find the existence of a loving God hard to square with our own personal stories of suffering, we all have hard questions for God. One of the remarkable features of the Bible is that through the various episodes we are given the space to entertain our doubts and ask away at the Christian story. God is not afraid of our questions, and Jesus often welcomed doubters to be some of his closest friends. The question we all need to consider is what to do with our doubts.



JUSTINE Toh

Are you an achievement addict? If so, no judgement! We've long been told that working hard will allow us to reach our goals. As a result, it's become too easy for us to measure ourselves—and each other—by our achievements. Academic success, sporting wins, and lots of attention online can all leave us on a high. But there are downsides to being an achievement addict: we agonise endlessly over our own performance, we can be harshly critical of others and we fall into the trap of judging our self-worth based on our work. What might life look like, minus our addiction to achievement and worth, beyond our work?

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