

## WHEN GOD DOESN'T MAKE SENSE—1 WHEN GOD SEEMS INATTENTIVE

- **JUST BECAUSE GOD IS SILENT DOESN'T MEAN GOD IS ABSENT.**

*For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." <sup>19</sup> So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man... Mark 6:17-20*

*When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask [Jesus], "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Matthew 11:2-3*

*Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. <sup>6</sup> Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me." Matthew 11:4-6*

*The king [Herod] was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a platter. Mark 6:26-28*

*Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the LORD's purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21*

- **YOU DON'T HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE PLAN TO TRUST GOD'S PURPOSE.**

### **Talk It Over**

- Start the *When God Doesn't Make Sense* Bible Plan today. [go2.lc/whengod](http://go2.lc/whengod)
- Share a story about when God was silent. How did it turn out?
- What is something you need to stop trying to understand and just trust God with?