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- **“A faith without some doubts is like a human body without any antibodies in it. People who blithely go through life too busy or indifferent to ask hard questions about why they believe as they do will find themselves defenseless against either the experience of tragedy or the probing questions of a smart skeptic. A person's faith can collapse almost overnight if she has failed over the years to listen patiently to her own doubts, which should only be discarded after long reflection.**

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- **Believers should acknowledge and wrestle with doubts — not only their own but their friends' and neighbors'. It is no longer enough to hold beliefs just because you inherited them. Only if you struggle long and hard with objections to your faith will you be able to provide the grounds for your beliefs to skeptics, including yourself, that are plausible rather than ridiculous or offensive. And, just as important for our current situation, such a process will lead you, even after you come to a position of strong faith, to respect and understand those who doubt.”**

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■ Cruciform apologists listen to and care for others; their goal is not simply to “win” an argument but to truly help those they speak with—to demonstrate Christ’s love for them and invite them to try on the gospel. One important aspect of an apologetics tone that is often neglected is our communal apologetics as the church—***the tone of our lives together as we serve others in word and deed. This is an apologetics that depends as much on being the right type of person as it does on having the right arguments.*** The goal is to embody the truth and beauty of the gospel—the ultimate aim of any truly *Christian* apologetics.

Josh Chatraw - *Telling a Better Story* (pp. 20-21)

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- <https://capturingchristianity.com>
- <https://www.rzim.org>
- <http://christianmomthoughts.com> (65 questions)
- <https://www.gotquestions.org>
- Timothy Keller: “The Reason for God”
- Gregory Koukl: “Tactics” & “The Story of Reality”