

## WELCOME

### Our Mission is to . . .

- Connect you to Jesus
- Connect you to His community for discipleship
- Connect you to your mission and purpose in life

**We are not here to tell you what to wear, eat, listen to, vote for, or even believe. These are things you must determine for yourself if you want to have real faith. We are here to give you truth, facts, tools and point out that every choice, every belief, and every action you make is tied to an outcome in your life. You can't do life without developing a strong foundation and becoming a person of substance. This is your journey, your discovery, and you will reap the benefit of the work you do.**

**FHNew** - Our mission as a church is to do everything we can to help you grow your faith. If you would like to get to know us a little better or begin or continue your journey of faith, text **FHNew** to **53123** and we will send you a link to a few short videos about Foothills Church, or stop by the **Connection booth in the Atrium.**

You can also fill out a **Connect card** using the QR code on the screen the actual card on the back of the chair in front of you. If you have a prayer request, this is a good place to write it out and place in the ORANGE offering box in the back of the Sanctuary.

**FHBaptism** - One important step in your faith journey is being baptized. To learn more about baptism, text **FHBaptism** to **53123** and we will send you the teaching on Believers' Baptism.

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## ONGOING

- [Moms groups](#) (links)
- [Bible Recap](#) – read through the Bible

## INTRODUCTION

Foothills is not your average church. It is not for the “cultural” Christian. It is different because our purpose is to coach people up in their faith. Regardless if you are a non-believer, a new believer, a growing believer, a mature believer, our goal is to coach you up to take the next step on your faith. This is called **discipleship**.

If you want to learn, to grow, to get stronger, discover healing and wholeness, courage and confidence to grow or clarify what you believe and why you believe it, then Foothills is the place for you.

In **1 Corinthians 13:11**, the Apostle Paul write: *“When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.”*

This series is one of the most challenging series we have ever done. In my 38 years of full-time ministry, I have never seen a church do a series like this, and I have never attempted a series like this.

We are doing this series because I want you to develop **mental strength**. I want you to be strong, mature, solid.

**Here’s the challenge:** Most of us have been trained to think in a way that makes us **weak**. It undermines our confidence. Therefore, we must be trained to think in a new way.

The path to mental strength, intellectual confidence, and security in the direction of your life is all about your **foundation**.

### **Step 1: Find and set your foundational intellectual stones**

**1 Corinthians 14:20** *“Brothers and sisters, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be infants, but in your thinking be mature.”*

Set **foundation stones** that are intellectually unassailable.

That’s why these are called **proofs**. In logic, a **proof** is like a scientific fact

- In addition to the archeological evidence, the extent literature evidence, the historical evidence, this is rational evidence -- philosophical evidence that proves there is a God

### **Now why is it so important to be able to prove there is a God?**

- It is the most important question you will ever ask -- both sides agree this is the most important question
- Your position on whether there is a God or not is the most important belief in your life -- it directs the nature of all your other beliefs

**Let’s get started...**

### **#1 - The Moral Argument**

- Without God there are no objective morals or duties
- However, there ARE objective morals and duties
- Therefore, there is a God

**Principle #1: Each premise stands alone**

- You have to affirm or refute one premise at a time. This strengthens the conclusion

**Principle #2: The Conclusion is necessary or required**

- If Premise 1 is true and irrefutable, and if premise 2 is true and irrefutable, then you have to abide by the Conclusion
- If you reject the Conclusion while accepting the truth of the claims, then you are an irrational person, a science denier

**The power of this proof****1. It is true**

- This proof points out 2 critical facts in human existence
  - First, that all human beings are moral beings. The specifics of morality may be different, but the fact that morality is a part of human nature is undeniable
  - Second, every human being determines there are good morals and bad morals
- If there is no objective standard, people with the most power get to decide what they want to be right and wrong

**2. It appeals to GenZ**

- Younger people accept there are objective morals and duties -- things that are wrong no matter what. They understand that if you remove the foundation for objective morality, then you can make up any morality you want
- Young adults seem to recognize that if there is no objective morality, then there is no basis for justice

**3. It eradicates nihilism**

- The biggest challenge for those who advocate for no objective morals or duties is the conclusion that if morality is subjective, then there is no meaning in life

**4. Most importantly, it gives moral clarity**

- Moral clarity is required in order for societies to form
- No society has ever formed, developed, or thrived on the basis of no moral clarity

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How does knowing there is actually a logical proof that shows there is a God give you mental strength?
2. How does knowing there is an objective standard, something outside yourself, help you to be more secure in living?
3. What would happen if every person made up their own morality in society?