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Sharing a More Irresistible Faith - Part 1 | EASTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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This huddle is a walk through Andy Stanley's book, *Irresistible*, in four sessions. Each session is based on one of the four parts in the book. Have participants watch this [video of Andy](#) to get an idea of what it's all about.

Part 1 (Chapters 1 through 5)

1. Andy writes *"Much of what makes American Christianity so resistible to those outside the faith are things we should have been resisting all along."* What things would you list in this category? Why?
2. *"I've yet to hear a story from anyone who abandoned Christianity based on anything directly related to Christianity—at least the original version, anyway."* Can you think of an exception to this? Of the people you know who have walked away from Jesus, what are some common themes to their reasons?
3. *"Pain and suffering don't disprove the existence of God. It only disproves the existence of a god who doesn't allow pain and suffering."* How is it that God could be a god allowing pain and suffering when the Old Testament promises things like, "This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles." Psalm 34:6
4. *"I recently read a blog by a former worship leader who left the faith after she read a book 'proving' contradictions in the Bible. Apparently, she grew up believing the foundation of our faith is a non-contradicting book. It's not."* Does that trouble you at all? What is the foundation of your faith? The Church? The Bible? Jesus? The Resurrection? How

would you explain what the basis of your faith is?

5. What does Stanley's description of a portable God do for you? How does the God of the tent (tabernacle) differ from the God of the temple? How does this enhance the meaning of the torn veil in Mark 15:37-38?
6. Why is this discussion so important now? What is at stake for some of the people you are surrounded with? How so?