

I Doubt It

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Doubt isn't the enemy of faith - doubt can be the door to a deeper, more genuine relationship with God.

From Abraham to the Disciples, even heroes of faith doubted.

Sarah & Abraham: How can this be? Genesis 18:10-14

Israelites: God did miracles before, but can you do it again? Numbers 20:2-5

Gideon: If You are with me, prove it—one more time. Judges 6:36-40

John the Baptist: Are you...really the One? *Matthew 11:2-6*

Thomas: I'll believe it when I see it. *John 20:24-27*

Doubt is fueled by:

- Questions you cannot answer.
- Situations that seem unfair.
- Hurts you cannot resolve.
- Objections from friends, social media, or culture.
 - 1. In which of these scenarios are you most likely to experience doubt?
 - 2. Are you currently experiencing doubt in any area of your life?

Doubt is not failure; it is part of being alive.

Psalm 42:11

- 3. When you have doubts, how do you view your life?
- 4. When does doubt become failure?

Doubt can be the p	place where f	aith really	y begins.

Mark 9:16-27

- 5. How can doubt encourage faith?
- 6. Share a time where doubt has moved you forward in your faith?

Doubt does not nullify our relationship with Christ.

Romans 8:38-39

- 7. Have you ever felt distant from Christ because of doubt?
- 8. According to Romans, what nullifies your relationship with Christ?

Doubt does not distance us from God.

Psalm 23:4

9. When you have doubts, do you run toward God or hide from Him? Why?

Doubt should be dealt with.

- Acknowledge your doubts
- Ask honest questions and seek honest answers
- Remember you are not alone
- Look for God's presence in the doubt
- Take your doubts to God
- Take the next step anyway
 - 10. Challenge: This week, when doubt shows up, deal with it using the strategies listed above.