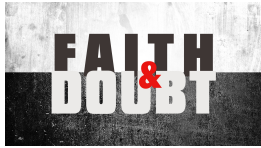


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About My Doubt

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Doubt boxes...



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I will have doubts (because doubts happen to the best of us).

"Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist." -Jesus, Matthew 11:11

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

"How long Lord? Will you forget me forever?" -David, Psalm 13:1

He remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:14

God doesn't hate me when I have doubts.

For God knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. Psalm 103:14

With doubt, the most important thing is what I do NEXT.

God has done all this, so that we will look for him and reach out and find him. He isn't far from any of us. Acts 17:27 (CEV)



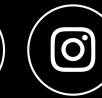
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Discover God (again) for the first time.

Then the Lord spoke to Job out of the storm. He said:

"Who is this that darkens my plans
with words without knowledge?

Brace yourself like a man;

I will question you,

and you shall answer me.

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation?

Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?

On what were its footings set,

or who laid its cornerstone—

while the morning stars sang together

and all the angels shouted for joy? Job 38

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength. Isaiah 30:15

For your LifeGroup

Talk about specific questions you have had about God, faith, His goodness, etc.

How is doubt different than mere questions?

Have you ever had a prolonged time of doubt about God or His love for you? What triggered it?

What did you do about it? What helps you the most with your doubt?

Read Psalm 13 together and talk about how David expresses and then works through his doubts.

Pray together, feeling free to express doubts you may be having.

For further reading: *In Search of a Confident Faith* (J.P. Moreland and Klaus Issler), *Keep the Faith* (Martin Ayers), *Mere Christianity* (C.S. Lewis).