

Encounters With Jesus
Dealing With Doubt
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Key Thought of the Day

Doubt can either _____ your faith... or _____ you to greater faith.

Encounter of the Day

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John's two disciples found Jesus and said to him, "John the Baptist sent us to ask, 'Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?'" At that very time, Jesus cured many people of their diseases, illnesses, and evil spirits, and he restored sight to many who were blind.

Then he told John's disciples, "Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." Luke 7:18-22 NLT

The Testimony of John the Baptist

John 1:24-34

Don't Miss This!

If John the Baptist can experience spiritual doubt... _____.

Key Verses of the Day

"What do you mean, 'If I can'?" Jesus asked. "Anything is possible if a person believes." The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:23-24 NLT

DEALING WITH DOUBT

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Encounter Principle #1

Sometimes when God acts _____ doubt can arise.

The disciples of John the Baptist told John about everything Jesus was doing. (1)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Proverbs 3:5-6 NLT

We Respond To Doubt By...

- Realizing _____ are not our ways.

"Go back to John and tell him what you have seen and heard—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor." (22)

Grab This!

When you struggle with doubt, get your eyes _____ and focus on God.

So John called for two of his disciples, and he sent them to the Lord to ask him, "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?" Luke 7:18b-19 NLT

Encounter Principle #2

Sometimes our life _____ lead to doubt.

We Respond To Doubt By...

- Understanding that doubt and _____ are not mutually exclusive.

The one on whom you see the Spirit descend and rest is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I saw this happen to Jesus, so I testify that he is the Chosen One of God. John 1:34 NLT

The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mk 9:24

When Jesus saw that the crowd of onlookers was growing, he rebuked the evil spirit. "Listen, you spirit that makes this boy unable to hear and speak," he said. "I command you to come out of this child and never enter him again!" Then the spirit screamed and threw the boy into another violent convulsion and left him. The boy appeared to be dead. A murmur ran through the crowd as people said, "He's dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and helped him to his feet, and he stood up. Mark 9:25-27 NLT

Grab This!

You see, doubt can be healthy... if we respond in the appropriate way... because doubt can drive us to _____ more deeply.

Don't Miss This!

Doubt, properly focused, can be a weapon used against the enemy when it compels us to **SEEK JESUS MORE.**

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Encounter Principle #3

Sometimes doubt occurs because we simply fail to recognize what _____.

Grab This!

Doubt can cloud our ability to see Jesus at _____.

For we live by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NLT

We Respond To Doubt By...

- Determining that as we journey through doubt... _____... we will ultimately end up being more convinced, more connected and more committed to Jesus.

We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in his love. 1 John 4:16a

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! 1 John 3:1 NLT

The Bottom Line

Doubt might be a reality that we will deal with from time to time, but when we press through, our faith can be _____.

For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ. Hebrews 3:14 NLT

Never Doubt This!

Jesus wants your _____ to thrive!

The Challenge

Do you have a doubt you need Jesus to help you overcome?