

ABOUT THAT DOUBT

Bout With Doubt

We tend to _____ our doubt and let _____ overwhelm us.

Doubt is the _____ between belief and unbelief, trust and distrust.

Doubt is a good _____ but a poor _____.

John Ortberg

THREE PUNCHES OF DOUBT:

1. The informational punch...

When _____ doesn't make sense.

2. The psychological punch...

When my _____ jade my projections.

3. The painful punch...

When my pain penetrates my _____.

We can't have _____ without _____.

If a person will begin with certainties, he will end in doubts; but if he will be content to begin with doubts, he will end in certainties.

Sir Francis Bacon

I can trust in Jesus and still be _____ about _____ things.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."³²Then John gave this testimony: ...³⁴I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One

John 1:29-32, 34 (NIV)

²When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" ⁴Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

Matthew 11:2-6 (NIV)

Giving permission to _____ leads to stronger _____.

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

I can be _____ about my doubts because Jesus wants my _____ more than my certainty.

²¹Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" "From childhood," he answered. ²²"It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us." ²³"If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for one who believes."

²⁴Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. "You deaf and mute spirit," he said, "I command you, come out of him and never enter him again."

²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, "He's dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

Mark 9:21-27 (NIV)

Doubt serves me well when it leads me to _____.

- Share your doubts within a _____ community of Jesus-followers.
- Pray, "Help me _____ my unbelief."

Further reading for this week

Day 1: Hebrews 11

Day 2: Psalm 27

Day 3: Psalm 77

Day 4: Jude 17-23

Day 5: 1 Timothy 1:12-14

Day 6: Jeremiah 29:13