

DON'T LET YOUR DOUBTS DEFEAT YOU!

Encouraging Words From God's Word - Part 2 of 5

2 Cor. 4:8-9 Sharon Meade

"If any man doubts he's like a wave bashed back and forth. He's unstable in all of his ways."
James 1:6

"We are often troubled, but not crushed; sometimes in doubt, but never in despair; there are many enemies, but we are never without a friend, and though we badly hurt at times, we are not destroyed."
1 Corinthians 4:8-9 (GN)

I. THREE THINGS THAT CAUSE US TO DOUBT GOD

1. YOUR _____ CAN CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT.

"They scoff at God...How proudly they speak!...so God's people are dismayed and confused and drink it all in. `Does God realize what is going on?' they ask."
Psalm 73:8-11 (LB)

2. YOUR _____ CAN CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT.

"...For some people have disobeyed their consciences and have deliberately done what they knew was wrong. It isn't surprising that soon they lost their faith in Christ, after defying God like that."
1 Tim. 1:19 (LB)

3. YOUR _____ CAN CAUSE YOU TO DOUBT.

"A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?'"
Mark 4:35-41

II. HOW TO DEAL WITH YOUR DOUBTS

1. _____ YOUR DOUBTS.

"When John heard in prison...what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who was to come or should we expect someone else?'"
Matt. 11:2-3

"Be merciful to those who doubt."
Jude 1:22

2. DOUBT YOUR _____.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."
Prov. 3:5

3. BEGIN WITH THE _____ YOU ALREADY HAVE.

"Lord, I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"
Mark 9:24

"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, ... nothing will be impossible for you."
Matt. 17:20

* **Equation: Little Faith + Big God = _____.**

"These things I have written to you who believe so that you may know that you have eternal life."
1 John 5:13