

TALK IT OVER

DETHRONING DOUBT

DIG DEEPER

Class # 24

The Bible teaches us that faith has the power to move mountains. In the same way, doubt has the power to create them. One of the tools Satan uses the most is doubt. Don't for a minute think that doubt is harmless! **James 1:2-8** teaches us that if we do not pray with faith, our request will have the same fate as a wave in the ocean (it will go nowhere!). Moreover, **v. 7** assures us that if we pray with doubt, we will not receive anything from the Lord.

Michael Polanyi brilliantly points out that we cannot doubt something without simultaneously trusting in something else. Eve began to doubt God—more importantly her relationship with God—at the same moment she began to trust the serpent.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Think about your prayer life. How much time you have lost praying while doubting?
2. What should you do if you want to pray with faith, but doubt intrudes? (**James 1:5**)
3. **Luke 7:19-23 & Romans 4:17-22**. What was the difference between Abraham and John the Baptist? Do you think how they ended had anything to do with faith/doubt?



"But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.
- James 1:6-7 (NIV)

SIMPLICITY

In **Luke 7:19-23**, we see John the Baptist sending two of his disciples to ask Jesus if He was the Messiah or if they should wait for someone else. This is after he himself declared in the Jordan: *"Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"* John saw the heavens open and heard God's voice confirming that Jesus is his Son. But now we see him doubting. Why? The correct question is not why? but where? Juan is doubting because of where he was (in jail). He must have thought: *"If Jesus is the Messiah, and I am His prophet, he would've gotten me out of jail already!"* When you go through a problem and God does not respond quickly, do you open the door to doubt?

Look at Abraham's life and how different his attitude was (**Romans 4:17-22**). Pray with the group and ask God for faith and wisdom to close the door and leave doubt out; today and always!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CONCERT / WORSHIP NIGHT with Art Aguilera & Band
NEXT STEPS COURSE
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
MEN'S CONFERENCE: INFLUENTIAL

This Thursday, July 1st
July 4th (9am Live or Zoom)
July 31st
August 20-21