

“Dealing with Doubt”

Matthew 11:11-6

Even John the Baptist had moments of doubt – v. 2-3

- Possible Reasons for John’s doubt

- 1 - Difficult Circumstances

Solution: Trust in Jesus!

- Romans 8:18 (NLT) "...what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later."
- Romans 8:20-21 (NLT) "Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay."
- Romans 8:23 (NLT) "And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us."
- Romans 8:28 (NLT) "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."

- 2 - Incomplete Revelation

Solution: Get into the Word of God!

- Romans 10:17 (NLT) "So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ."

- 3 - Worldly Influence

Solution: Stop listening to the world!

- 1 Corinthians 2:14 (NLT) "... people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means."

- 4 - Unfulfilled Expectations

Solution: Turn to Jesus!

- Jesus’ response to John’s doubt – v.4-6

- encouraging signs

- **gentle reminder**
 - 1 John 3:1-3 (NLT) “See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But ... he has not yet shown us what we will be like when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is. And all who have this eager expectation will keep themselves pure, just as he is pure.

- **When you doubt ... Jesus will be glad to respond to you as well.**
 - Trust in Jesus!
 - Get into the Word of God!
 - Stop listening to the world!
 - Turn to Jesus!

These notes were gleaned from John MacArthur's New Testament Commentary. This is a great tool that I recommend for Bible Study.