

The Ministry of Compassion (Part 3)
Dealing with Doubt

Luke 7:18-35

Romans 1:17 – For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith. (CSB)

Faith is seeing the whole world from God's **point of view**.

Romans 14:23 – But whoever doubts stands condemned if he eats, because his eating is not from faith, and everything that is not from faith is sin. (CSB)

Doubt is the weakness of unbelief that God **is powerless**.

James 1:6-8 – ⁶But let him ask in faith without doubting. For the doubter is like the surging sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord, ⁸being double-minded and unstable in all his ways. (CSB)

I. How you know you are **dealing with doubt?**

A. Doubt exaggerates **difficulties**.

Numbers 13:27-28 – ²⁷They reported to Moses: “We went into the land where you sent us. Indeed it is flowing with milk and honey, and here is some of its fruit. ²⁸However, the people living in the land

B. Doubt leaves you **defeated**.

Numbers 13:33 – To ourselves we seemed like grasshoppers, and we must have seemed the same to them. (CSB)

C. Doubt **discourages**.

Numbers 14:1 – Then the whole community broke into loud cries, and the people wept that night. (CSB)

D. Doubt makes you **disagreeable**.

Numbers 14:2 – All the Israelites complained about Moses and Aaron, and the whole community told them, “If only we had died in the land of Egypt, or if only we had died in this wilderness! (CSB)

Philippians 2:13-16 – ¹³For it is God who is working in you both to will and to work according to his good purpose. ¹⁴Do everything without grumbling and arguing, ¹⁵so that you may be blameless and pure, children of God who are faultless in a crooked and perverted generation, among whom you shine like stars in the world, ¹⁶by holding firm to the word of life. Then I can boast in the day of Christ that I didn't run or labor for nothing. (CSB)

II. How do you know you are **living by faith**?

A. Faith shrinks **problems**.

Isaiah 40:29 – He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (NIV)

B. Faith reveals God's **power**.

Mark 11:22-24 – ²²Then Jesus said to the disciples, “Have faith in God. ²³I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. ²⁴I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. (NLT)

C. Faith deposits God's **promises**.

2 Corinthians 1:20 – For every one of God's promises is “Yes” in him. Therefore, through him we also say “Amen” to the glory of God. (CSB)

D. Faith realizes our **prospects**.

Ephesians 3:20 – Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (NLT)

Thought For The Week:

Lord, **increase** our faith!