

Pastor: **Guy**

MESSAGE NOTES

Topic: **Uncertainty in Your Faith?**

Bible Passage: Matthew 28:5-10, 16-20, Jude 1:22

THE
BENEFIT
OF
DOUBT

NOTES

Jesus is the foundation for reconstruction

3 Main Points

Be merciful to those who doubt.

Doubt puts our faith to the test.

Doubt is the path to deeper faith.

TAKE ACTION

How will I incorporate prayer in my life?

Gather- Join a group - foxriver.cc/groups

Grow- Begin a Daily Rhythm of Bible Reading & Prayer- Youversion.com

Give- Ask God, *How can I honor you in the giving of my time & finances.*

Go- I will pray by name for _____ to come to know Jesus.

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THE BENEFIT OF DOUBT

The Path of Doubt

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Matthew 28:5-10

*Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some **doubted**.*

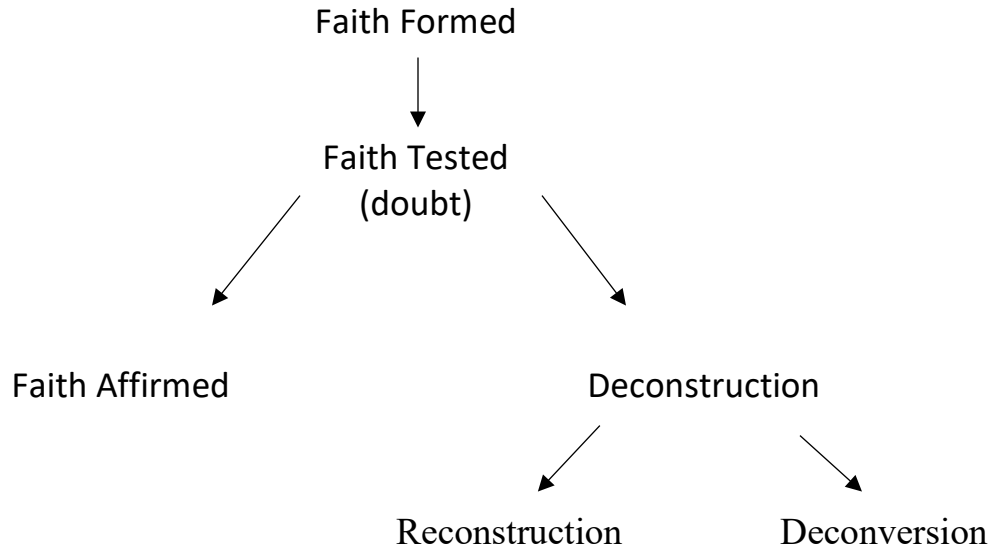
Matthew 28:16-17

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

*Be merciful to **those who doubt**.*

Jude 1:22



Doubt puts our faith to the test

- God: God's Goodness
- Credibility of Faith/Truth
- Integrity
- Lack of growth life impact

But if you don't grow, you are like someone who is nearsighted or blind, and you have forgotten that your past sins are forgiven.

2 Peter 1:9 CEV

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Jude 1:22

"Deconstruction – 'a spiritual journey during which a Christian examines his or her faith to release what is contrary to God's heart and embrace what is true.'"

Craig Groeschel

Jesus is the foundation for reconstruction

For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11

Reconstruction

1. Come to Jesus to meet and understand God

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1: 1, 14

Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.

John 14:9b

2. Build your faith and life on Jesus

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Matthew 7:24-27

3. Ask questions and express doubt

It is better to doubt out loud than to struggle in silence

<p>Series Maxim: Doubt is the path to deeper faith</p>
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*Reconstruction with others in the context of community.

4. Pray

“Lord, I believe, help me in my doubting” (Mark 9:24)

5. Remember

There are some things the Lord our God has kept secret, but there are some things he has let us know.

Deuteronomy 29:29a NCV

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For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. For Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.

Romans 10:9-10 & 13 NLT