

## The Path of Doubt | The Benefit of Doubt | Pastor Guy

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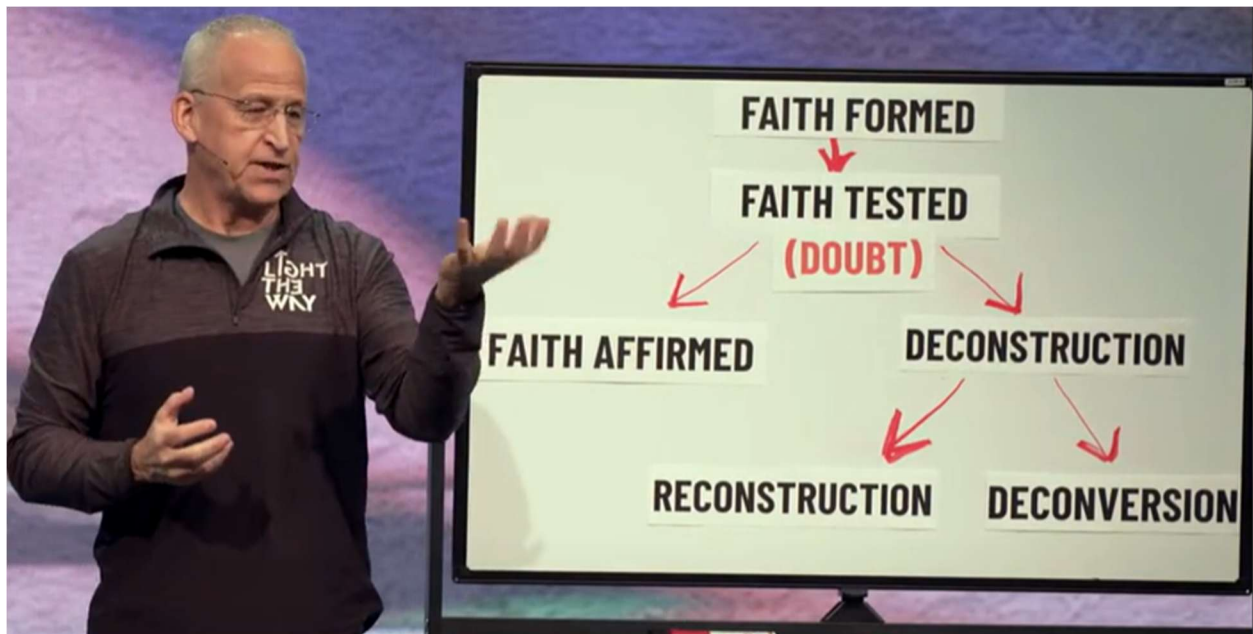
### Summary

Pastor Guy continues the series called 'The Benefits of Doubt', exploring how doubt interacts with faith. Using Matthew 28, He discusses how even some of Jesus' followers doubted when they saw him after the resurrection, yet Jesus still gave them the Great Commission. On the whiteboard Pastor Guy introduces a framework for faith that includes formation, testing, and potential paths toward either deconstruction/deconversion or reconstruction, emphasizing that doubt can be a path to deeper faith when handled properly.

### Intro Prayer

Lord God, as we gather to discuss doubt and faith, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to understand how You can use our questions and uncertainties to draw us closer to You. Help us to be honest about our doubts and receptive to Your guidance through them. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Image from Sunday's message:



## **Key Verses**

1. Matthew 28:17
2. Jude 1:22
3. Romans 10:9-10
4. John 14:9

## **Questions**

1. What is your initial reaction when you experience doubt in your faith?
2. How has the church traditionally handled people who express doubt?
3. Why do you think Jesus included both the worshippers and doubters in giving the Great Commission?
4. What experiences in your life have caused you to question your faith?
5. How can we show mercy to those who doubt while still maintaining our own faith?
6. What's the difference between healthy questioning and destructive doubt?
7. How can community help us process our doubts in a healthy way?
8. What role does prayer play in dealing with doubt?

## **Life Application**

This week, identify one doubt or question you have about your faith. Instead of pushing it aside, bring it to God in prayer and share it with a trusted friend or small group member. Remember that doubt expressed is better than silence struggled through.

## **Key Takeaways**

- Doubt can be a path to deeper faith when handled properly
- Jesus includes both worshippers and doubters in His mission
- We are called to be merciful to those who doubt
- Reconstruction of faith requires Jesus as the foundation
- Questions and doubts are normal parts of a growing faith