

## **Deeper Faith | The Benefit Of Doubt - Episode 3 | Pastor Bill**

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### **Summary**

Pastor Bill focused on dealing with doubt in faith, using the biblical story of Peter walking on water from Matthew 14. He shared his story of experiencing doubt during a difficult season of his life and emphasized that doubts can actually become pathways to deeper faith when brought to Jesus. Even though we may have many reasons to believe in God, we can still experience doubt in difficult situations.

### **Intro Prayer**

Lord, as we gather to discuss Your Word, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to what You want to teach us about dealing with doubt. Help us to be honest with our struggles and receptive to Your truth. Guide our conversation and strengthen our faith through this discussion. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **Ice Breaker**

What's the most challenging thing you've ever attempted that required you to step out in faith?

### **Key Verses**

- Matthew 14:28-31
- Romans 8:28
- 1 Peter 5:7
- Deuteronomy 18:18

### **Questions**

1. What are some common reasons people experience doubt in their faith?
2. How did Peter's experience of walking on water demonstrate both faith and doubt?
3. Why do you think we sometimes doubt God's ability to help us with current struggles even though He's helped us in the past?
4. What does it mean to 'doubt out loud' rather than 'struggle in silence'?
5. How can remembering past experiences with God help us deal with current doubts?
6. What role do other believers play in helping us through seasons of doubt?

7. How can doubt actually lead to stronger faith?
8. What practical steps can we take when experiencing doubt?

### **Life Application**

This week, identify one area where you're experiencing doubt. Instead of letting it distance you from God, intentionally bring that doubt to Him in prayer each day. Also, share your struggle with at least one trusted believer who can pray with and encourage you.

### **Key Takeaways**

- Doubt can be a path to deeper faith when we bring it to Jesus
- It's better to doubt out loud than struggle in silence
- Our past experiences with God can strengthen our present faith
- Jesus meets us in our doubt and can use it to draw us closer to Him
- Community plays a crucial role in helping us navigate doubt