

When You Have Doubts

(Matthew 11:1-6)

- Introduction:
1. There are times when probably we have all had our moments of doubt.
 2. We want to believe, but in the quietness of our soul, doubts sometimes arise and try to shake our faith.
 3. What do we do in moments like these?

I. When You Have Doubts - Do Something!

- A. (Matthew 11:2).
- B. When you have doubts, don't just bury them, turn it off, or pretend.
- C. Face your doubts; don't let them grow.
- D. (Mark 9:24) I believe...help my unbelief!
- E. John sent friends to Jesus, what do you do?
- F. (Luke 24:18-27).

II. When You Have Doubts - Don't Give Up On Everything

- A. (Matthew 11:3).
- B. John knew that the Messiah was coming, he was doubting whether Jesus was the one.
- C. In other words, the fact that John had doubts about one thing didn't mean he needed to jettison his entire belief system.
- D. Don't allow an ounce of doubt to destroy a pound of faith.

III. When You Have Doubts - Weigh & Be Content With The Evidence

- A. (Matthew 11:4-5).
- B. Don't just take someone's word – that's what leads to doubt.
- C. Notice: Jesus didn't just reassure him by saying, "Yes, I am the one." Rather, he gave him proofs (Isaiah 29:17-19; Isaiah 61:1).
- D. Don't let the your lack of answers to every single question cause you be "offended" (cause to sin).

- Conclusion:
1. Notice the compliment Jesus gave about John the Baptist.
 2. John's doubts didn't destroy his faith or Jesus' view of him.
 3. That gives me hope and assurance.
 4. Let's work through our doubts, and do so by turning to God's word for it contains the answers we need.