

Taking the Leap to a Rock Solid Faith

The Doubt in Faith

Generally, doubt gets a bad rap in the church. Faith is good – Doubt is bad. But Doubt isn't the opposite of faith ... doubt is actually the foundation for faith. Indeed, without a good, healthy doubt, there would be no faith. Is it possible we misunderstand the role of doubt and faith in our lives? This week, we'll celebrate our doubts and learn how doubt pushes us to experience an Amazing Faith.

Luke 5:1–11

1. _____ is the foundation of faith.

Faith stands on the shoulders of doubt.

2. _____ is the catalyst of faith.

Faith without action is no faith at all. James 2:17

3. _____ is the catalyst for full and abundant living.

The opposite of faith is emptiness ...

My Count Me In! Commitments

- I'll be here next week
- I'll invite a friend
- I'll take a step in faith: Financially
- I'll take a step in faith: Inviting
- I'll take a step in faith: Sharing
- I'll take a step in faith: _____

Additional Notes

Digging Deeper and Going Further

Read Hebrews 11. This passage is one of the more “famous” passages in the Bible. It starts with a definition of faith and then provides an account of a number of biblical heroes who exemplified what it means to be people of faith.

1. Read Hebrews 11:6. What are the two implied commands given in this verse?

2. Of the accounts in Hebrews 11, which one impresses you as the most “faithful” – and why did you choose that person?

3. In verses 39–40 the writer suggests that the faith of others has had a profound impact on us. What do you think it is that “God has planned” that is better for us?

4. Read Hebrews 11:11, Genesis 17: 15–17, and 18:9–12. Do these reactions seem like the actions of someone with an amazing faith? Why or why not?

5. Why do you think Abraham and Sarah are listed in Hebrews 11 as heroes of faith?

6. Read Luke 5:4–5. Why do you think Peter questioned Jesus’ advice?

7. Read Luke 5:6. Why do you think Peter was rewarded, even though he doubted?

8. One of the results of Peter’s obedience was an invitation to become a follower of Jesus. Why do you think Peter, James, and John were willing to leave their professions to follow him?

8. What do you think are the rewards for being obedient in faith?
