

The Struggle Between Faith & Doubt
Observations About Faith & Doubt

I. Introduction

II. Observations About Faith & Doubt

A. Doubt is an inescapable part of the human condition.

1. Jude 1:22 (NAS) *And have mercy on some, who are doubting.*

B. Every human being lives by faith.

1. "It is really good to be alive!" is one of those things that might be called a basic conviction in life.

2. Skepticism is the idea, "We cannot know truth. We cannot even know that we exist."

3. Hebrews 11:6 (NAS) *And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

4. Faith is only required when there are doubts!

5. I Corinthians 13:12 (NAS) *For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.*

C. Doubt can lead to stronger faith.

1. John 8:32 (NAS) *"And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."*

2. John 14:6 (NAS) *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me."*

3. John 16:13a (NAS) *"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth."*

D. When certainty is impossible, God just wants us to be faithful to what we know to be true!

1. People who have a lot of money, a lot of stuff, ought to share it with people who don't have much.

2. I Timothy 6:17-19 (NAS) ¹⁷*Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.* ¹⁸*Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,* ¹⁹*storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed.*

3. Matthew 28:16-17 (NAS) ¹⁶*But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated.* ¹⁷*When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful.*

4. "The Christian faith is bipolar. Disciples live their lives between worship and doubt, trusting and questioning, hoping and worrying." (Dale Bruner)

5. "Your doubts are healed as you go and do what you know to be true."

6. Disciples doubt, and they help each other with their doubts!

III. Conclusion