

## DOUBT DESTROYS MY FUTURE

I'm Still Here – Part 1

James 1:6-7 (NCV)

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*“Anyone who doubts is like a wave in the sea, blown up and down by the wind. Such doubters are thinking two different things at the same time, and they cannot decide about anything they do.” James 1:6b-7a (NCV)*

*“We are often troubled but not crushed. Sometimes in doubt but never in despair. There are many enemies but we are never without a friend, and though we badly hurt at times we are not destroyed.” 2 Corinthians 4:8-9 (TEV)*

### I. TWO THINGS THAT CAUSE US TO DOUBT GOD:

#### 1. CRITICS.

*<sup>(8)</sup> They scoff at God and threaten his people. How proudly they speak! <sup>(9)</sup> They boast against the very heavens, and their words strut through the earth. <sup>(10)</sup> And so God's people are dismayed and confused and drink it all in. <sup>(11)</sup> “Does God realize what is going on?” they ask. Psalm 73:8-11 (TLB)*

*“...Again and again they scoff, ‘Where is that God of yours?’ But O my soul, don't be discouraged. Don't be upset. Expect God to act!” Psalm 42:10b-11a (TLB)*

#### 2. CIRCUMSTANCES.

Example: The storm on the Sea Galilee (Mark 4:35-41)

*“Teacher, don't You care if we drown?” Mark 4:38b (NIV)*

## II. HOW TO DEAL WITH MY DOUBTS:

### 1. ADMIT MY DOUBTS.

\*Example: John the Baptist

*"When John heard in prison what Christ was doing, he sent his disciples to ask Him, `"Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?"*  
Matthew 11:2-3 (NIV)

- Read about Thomas (John 20:24-29)

*"Be merciful to those who doubt."* Jude 1:22 (NIV)

- David and Job had doubts. (Psalm 13. Job 3.)

### 2. DOUBT MY DOUBTS.

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding."*  
Proverbs 3:5 (NIV)

### 3. USE THE FAITH I ALREADY HAVE!

*"(Lord), I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"* Mark 9:24 (NIV)

*"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, ... nothing will be impossible for you."*  
Matthew 17:20 (NIV)