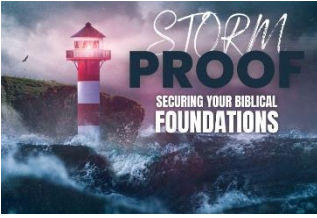


SERMON NOTES



Stormproof! Week 1 “Downpours of Doubt”

October 6, 2024

What is doubt?

“Standing in two _____ or _____”

What causes doubt?

- Intellectual doubt: Questioning the _____ about God
- Emotional doubt: Questioning the _____ of God

Why deal with doubt?

- _____ us from God
- _____ our faith in God

1. Doubt occurs when what I _____ or _____ conflicts with what God has _____.

- *Matthew 14:25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” 29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”*

2. Doubts occur when I need to _____ to validate what God has _____.

- *John 20:24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."*
*26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. **Stop doubting and believe.**"*
28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

3. Replace clouds of _____ with the clarity of _____!

- a. Doubts occur on the journey to _____.
 - *Matthew 28:16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but **some doubted.***
- b. Be _____ with doubts
 - *Jude 22 **Be merciful to those who doubt;** 23 snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.*
- c. Answer doubts with _____ and _____!
 - *John 20:30 Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But **these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.***

What do I do with my doubts?

- I can use them as an excuse to be _____ from God.
- I can use them as an excuse to _____ into God.
 - Take them to the Lord in prayer!
 - Go to the Word of God for truth and certainty about God.
 - Journey with a Christian friend for godly wisdom.

MY PERSONAL NOTES

**Be ready for the downpours of
doubt with the umbrella of
God's truth.**

Everyone Outreach Witness Idea: Doubts are very real for people. Create a space in your conversation to allow for doubts to be shared. Invite the person into a conversation to discover and answer the doubt!

NEXT SUNDAY: Stormproof: Tornados of Tragedy!

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14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Ephesians 4:14-15

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: