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WRESTLING WITH GOD



"THE TEST OF DOUBT"

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TEXT: Matthew 11:2-15

I do not believe there ever existed a Christian yet, who did not now and then doubt his interest in Jesus. I think, when a man says, "I never doubt," it is quite time for us to doubt him. – Charles Spurgeon

John the Baptist experienced a moment of doubt in Jesus. Here are a few things we can learn from his experience:

1. THE TEST OF DOUBT (vv. 2-3)

TRUTH: Unexpressed doubt can be detrimental, but doubt pursuing truth can deepen faith.

The most common reasons we doubt:

- Intellectual questions
 - Emotional valleys
 - Situational challenges
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2. THE TREATMENT FOR DOUBT (vv. 4-15)

TRUTH: John the Baptist took his doubts to Jesus.

Four exhortations from Jesus:

- Jesus encouraged John to evaluate the evidence (vv. 4-5).
 - Jesus encouraged John to have faith (v. 6).
 - Jesus encouraged the crowd not to disparage John because of doubt (vv. 7-9, 11).
 - Jesus encouraged the crowd to adjust their worldview (vv. 10-15).
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3. TURN DOUBT INTO FAITH.

- Ask God to help your unbelief (Mark 9:24).
 - Seek truth (Matt. 7:7-8).
 - Be merciful to those who doubt (Jude 22).
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