

Reassure Me



What should we do when we have doubts?

1. _____
- We find the _____ of who Jesus is in
_____.

2. _____
- In the midst of our doubts, _____ work
_____.

3. _____
- Our need for reassurance doesn't _____
who _____ is.

Take Home Truth

We need to -

- Be _____

- _____ God

- _____ in our faith

1 Peter 5:6-11

Today's Core Virtue:

Faith: "Being sure of what I hope for and certain of what I do not see, I exhibit faith that pleases God."

(from Hebrews 11:1,6)



Deeper Connection Study

While Jesus is teaching and preaching throughout the towns of Israel, John is isolated in prison. The forerunner of the kingdom movement is wondering if Jesus is truly the One anticipated by everyone.
Today's Core Virtue discussed: Faith.

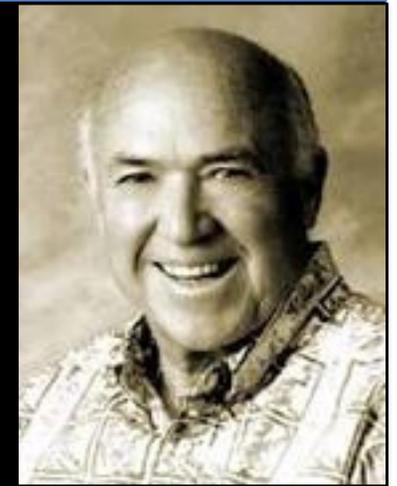
Read Luke 7:18-28 [par. Matt. 11:2-11]

1. Why does John the Baptist question Jesus' messianic role (vv. 18-20)?
2. What is Jesus doing when John's messengers arrive (v. 21)? How does Jesus respond to John's inquiry (vv. 22-23; cf. Isa. 29:18; 35:5-6)?
3. How does Jesus break our preconceived notions of what Messiah/Christ should be? What do you expect Jesus to be and do?
4. What questions raised by Jesus attest to the character of John (vv. 24-28)? How is John extolled for living out his purpose even though he may be discouraged or doubt God's ways?
5. What does Jesus mean by saying "the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he" (v. 28b)?
6. What reassurance do you need concerning Jesus' role, power, or plan in your life? How can you better see and savor Jesus as Lord and Savior?

PRAYER TO THE POINT: Praise God for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Pray for God to assure you of his saving plan through Christ and his ongoing presence in your life. Ask God to use you to encourage others to draw closer to Christ.

Faces of Faith

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Luke 7:18-28



Jesus declared to Nicodemus, "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit," (cf. John 3:8). That simple assertion is a beautiful description of the ministry of Chuck Smith, the founder of Calvary Chapel. In 1965 Chuck began leading a 25-person congregation in Costa Mesa. At the height of the "hippy movement" Chuck saw a need in a generation that was lost and confused. Modifying the traditional church format to a more informal and inclusive style Chuck was able to open the door to a populous that would not have been reached otherwise. His faith guided him even though people doubted the leading he had from God. Now there are over 1,000 Calvary Chapel churches worldwide spreading the gospel.

Another person who was influential in his age was John the Baptist. His preaching and testimony impacted his generation and beyond. Yet as Jesus praised John's faithfulness he concluded with, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he," (cf. Luke 7:28). Considering his premise, how do you think God wants to use your faith?