

# TALK IT OVER

Know Doubt

## BOTTOM LINE

Doubt needn't lead you to quit your faith. Doubt is a part of your story.

## CONVERSATION STARTER

What is one "fact," "old wives' tale," or commercial advertisement that you doubt?

## THINGS TO CONSIDER

*What did you hear?*

*What do you think?*

*What will you do?*

## RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/thedaily](https://newpointe.org/thedaily)
- [Doubting God](#) by Francis Chan (9 1/2 min.)

## KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the Messiah we've been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else? Blessed is he who does not stumble on account of me."*  
Matthew 11:2-3, 6 NLT

*"I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!"* Matthew 11:11 NLT

"When we hear things that God is doing for other people but not for us, it often rocks our confidence." – Dwight Mason

"Blessed are those who don't get tripped up when I don't act as they think I should." – Jesus

"The only thing worse than disappointment with God is facing disappointment without God." – Philip Yancey

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Are you currently in a period of disappointment? If not now, when have you been? When your confidence is rocked, do you most quickly lack confidence in yourself (feeling unworthy, etc.) or with God (thinking He doesn't care, etc.)? What explanations have Christians given you for when God doesn't answer as it seems He should? Which do you find most troubling? Any help there? Why do you think we HAVE to have an answer and just can't say "I don't know" to ourselves or others? We must not base our view of God and His intimate care for us on our circumstances. What examples biblically and historically do you have for this fact? Why do you believe this attack on our faith is so hard personally? Have you ever been through a time when you have been doing your best and praying consistently, but God doesn't seem to hear you at all? If so, what do you do? It's hard to realize, but sometimes what causes the most pain and confusion in growing with God is not what He says to us – it's that in our hardest times He may seem to say nothing at all. But His silence does NOT mean He is absent or not working. Jesus promised He would never leave us or forsake us. What can be helpful for focusing on His faithfulness in the silence?

## ACTION STEP

I will daily, deliberately focus on the faithfulness of God when He seems silent. I will believe He is working – this is only a season.