FOOTSTEPS What it Really Means to Follow Jesus

WHEN THE DOUBTS COME

Matthew 11:1-6

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Now when John in prison heard of the works of Christ, he sent word by his disciples, and said to Him, "Are You the Expected One, or shall we look for someone else?" Matthew 11:2-3

What does God want us to do with the problem of doubt?

- 1. God wants us to understand what causes doubts.
 - A. Doubts come when we experience difficult trials.
 - B. Doubts come when we <u>can't make sense of the issues</u>. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9
 - C. Doubts come when we get impatient with God's promises.
- 2. God wants us to come to Him with our doubts.
 - A. Come to Him <u>reverently</u>.
 - B. Come to Him honestly.

Trust in Him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us. Psalm 62:8

C. Come to Him expectantly.

3. God wants us to remember what we have seen and heard.

At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He granted sight to many who were blind. And He answered and said to them, "Go and report to John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have the gospel preached to them." Luke 7:21-22

- A. To combat doubt, recount and review the <u>undeniable facts</u>.
 - 1. Jesus proved He is the Messiah.
 - 2. Jesus proved He can be trusted.
- B. To combat doubt, let the <u>truth</u> triumph over the <u>doubts</u>.

Will you bring your doubts to Jesus and leave them there?