

## Facing the Giant of Doubt

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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Doubt is to inquire the truth about something. When we doubt, we question the truth of God's promises in our lives. Consequently, as we face battles of doubt in our life, we should let the word of God speak into our hearts and let His message of comfort to strengthen us in times of trials.

### 5 Things to Remember as we Fight the Giant of Doubt:

1. **God does not always meet up to our expectations, but He will live up to His word.**
  - 1.1. When we have unmet expectations, doubt starts to take over our life. We always need to follow what God says. What we see may be different from what God is telling us.
  - 1.2. Though Elijah was a powerful man of God, he also doubted and was afraid. He left his servants and went alone in the wilderness because he felt threatened by the Queen (1 Kings 19:3-4). Hence, we need support from godly people when we begin to doubt and feel discouraged.
2. **Prison Perspective will always cause us to doubt God.**
  - 2.1. John the Baptist saw the Holy Spirit descend from Heaven when he baptized Jesus. Yet, as he was in prison, he began to doubt if Jesus was truly the Messiah (Matt 11:2-3). The prison perspective will only make us see the chains that bind us, but God wants us to look into His encompassing love that envelopes us.
3. **Our faith is more important to God than doubt.**
  - 3.1. When our faith fails, we begin to doubt. But the good news is, even in the face of doubt, God will never leave us. God will persuade us to have faith in Him through His goodness (Lam 3:20).
  - 3.2. In Mark 9:23-25, a man brought his son to Jesus; he questioned if Jesus could help

him and exclaimed, "I do believe! But help me overcome my unbelief." It is hard to believe when we feel the pain of real-life issues. However, even as he doubted, Jesus still healed his son.

4. **Even if we doubt, God is still going to show up.**
  - 4.1. When we are losing faith, Jesus will still show up in our life. God never said we would never experience difficulties, but He says He will be with us every step of the way.
  - 4.2. When the disciples were afraid and locked themselves in a room, Jesus appeared before them (John 20:19). We need to remember that when we can't get out, Jesus can always get in.
  - 4.3. When Thomas doubted, Jesus still showed up for him (John 20:26-27). God knows how big our giants are, and He will continuously persuade us to look to Him.

### 5. We will not always understand.

5.1 If we could understand everything, we would not be needing God. Despite things we don't understand, God's word never fails and always stays true.

Whenever in doubt, go with what God says for "so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it (Isa 55:11).

### Reflection:

What are the prisons that allow you to doubt right now? How will you overcome these?

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