

## **Moses Lesson 8 Handout**

### **DOUBT**

**To call into question**

**To be uncertain**

**To lack confidence in**

**to consider unlikely**

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### **David Dunn - I Wanna Go Back**

**When I was a kid**

**I was sure**

**I could run across the ocean**

**And I was gonna be an astronaut**

**When it was You and it was me**

**I had everything I needed**

**Faith could even move a mountain top**

**And then I grew up**

**And then I got older**

**Then my life got tough**

**And we grew apart**

**I wanna go back**

**To Jesus loves me this I know**

**For the Bible tells me**

**For the Bible tells me so**

**I wanna go back**

**To this little light**

**Gonna let it shine**

**Gonna let it shine**

**I wanna go back**

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**Frederick Dale Bruner, "The Christian faith is bi-polar. Disciples live their life between worship and doubt, trusting and questioning, hoping and worrying." Then Jesus gives the disciples what is called the Great Commission...Jesus looks at these worshipping doubters and says: "You go! You doubters, go. You risk your lives for me. You change the world for me..." Disciples are not people who never doubt. They doubt and worship. They doubt and serve. They doubt and help each other with their doubts. They doubt and practice faithfulness. They doubt and wait for their doubt one day to be turned to knowing.**

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**Exodus 3:19–4:1**

**19 "But I know that the king of Egypt will not permit you to go, except under compulsion.**

**20 "So I will stretch out My hand and strike Egypt with all My miracles which I shall do in the midst of it; and after that he will let you go.**

**21 "I will grant this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you will not go empty-handed.**

**22 "But every woman shall ask of her neighbor and the woman who lives in her house, articles of silver and articles of gold, and clothing; and you will put them on your sons and daughters. Thus you will plunder the Egyptians."**

**4:1 Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you.' "**

**1. Doubt is part of  
our normal Christian  
life.**

***OUR FAITH HAS TO COME FROM NOT WHAT WE SEE  
BUT WHAT WE READ IN THE BIBLE.***

**John 20:29**

**29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

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**Matthew 11**

**1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.**

**2. Admit your  
doubts.**

**2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples**

**3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"**

## **Kent Crockett in his book Slaying Your Giants**

**Dear Jesus,**

**I am writing to inform you that I have been thrown into prison by Herod. I've had a lot of time to think since I have been here. I've been thinking about all of those things that I had preached about you, even before you began your ministry.**

**Remember how I told everyone that your winnowing fork was in your hand, and you would thoroughly clean your threshing floor? And remember how I said you would burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire? To me that meant that you would put an end to all injustice. I was counting on you to correct all wrongs.**

**To be quite honest with you, Jesus, I never thought I'd have to write a note like this. Things haven't worked out like I thought they would. I was sure you would have straightened things up around here by now. Rumors have it that Herodias wants my head. If you are wondering when to get out your winnowing fork to start cleaning up, now would be a pretty good time. That is, if you are the one we are expecting.**

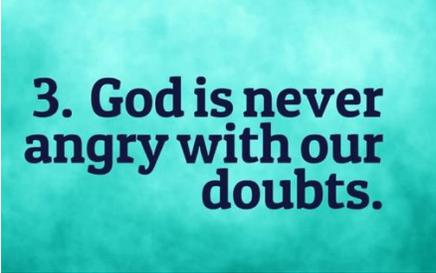
**Respectfully,**

**John the Baptist**

**P.S. If we are to look for someone else, please let us know.**

**Vance Hafner - Here in the dungeon of doubt John fell into despair and depression. The man who could reprove kings and call religious leaders snakes can also get down in the dumps just like you and I its one thing to stand in the Jordan and give it – its another to sit in a jail and take it.**

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**3. God is never  
angry with our  
doubts.**

**Dear John the Baptist,  
The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are  
cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have  
the gospel preached to them.**

**Agape,  
Jesus**

**P.S. Blessed is he who keeps from stumbling over me.**



**4. Open your  
Bible!**

**Malachi 3:1**

**1 "Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will  
clear the way before Me..."**

### **Isaiah 40:3**

**3 A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God.**

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**Matthew 11:4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:**

**5 the blind receives their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.**

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### **Isaiah 29:18**

**18 On that day the deaf will hear words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see.**

### **Isaiah 35:5–6**

**5 Then the eyes of the blind will be opened and the ears of the deaf will be unstopped.**

**6 Then the lame will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will shout for joy...**

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**G. Campbell Morgan "I am no longer sure that this is what my father claims it to be--the Word of God. But of this I am sure. If it be the Word of God, and if I come to it with an unprejudiced and open mind, it will bring assurance to my soul of itself."**

**The result? "That Bible found me!" said Morgan. The new assurance in 1883 gave him the motivation for his preaching and teaching ministry. He devoted himself to the study and preaching of God's Word.**

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**Deuteronomy 3:22**

**Do not be afraid of them; the LORD your God himself will fight for you.**

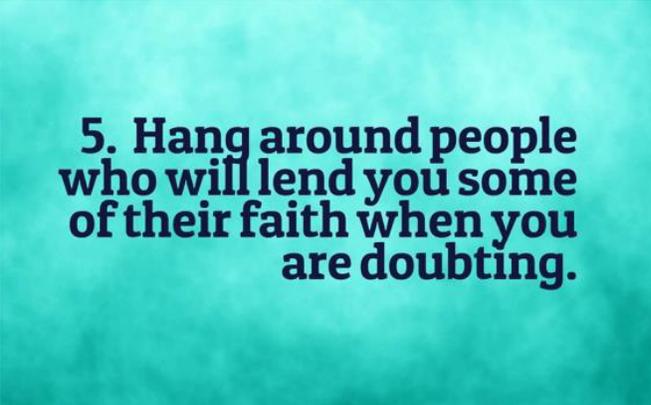
**Hebrews 13:6**

**So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"**

**2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.**

**Romans 4:17**

**17 (as it is written, "A FATHER OF MANY NATIONS HAVE I MADE YOU") in the presence of Him whom he believed, even God, who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist.**



**5. Hang around people who will lend you some of their faith when you are doubting.**

**“I think the main reason I'm struggling with my faith has a lot to do with all the confusion in the church at this present time. There are days that I want to give up on God, just quit believing due to unanswered prayer, fighting in the church, (I was told by someone in my old church that I lost my salvation for voting for Trump)...”**

**Matthew 24:**

**3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?”**

**4 And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one misleads you.**

**5 “For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will mislead many.**

**6 “You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.**

**Luke 21:25**

**25 “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves,**

**Matthew 24:7 “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.**

**8 “But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.**

**9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.**

**10 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.**

**11 "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.**

**12 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.**

**13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.**

**14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.**

**21 "For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.**

**22 "Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**

**23 "Then if anyone says to you, 'Behold, here is the Christ,' or 'There He is,' do not believe him.**

**24 "For false Christs and false prophets will arise and will show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect.**

**29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.**

**30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.**

**6. Recognize there are just some things this side of heaven we will never understand.**

**7. TRUST IN THE LORD - NOT IN YOUR DOUBTS! Proverbs 3:5  
"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding."**

**Philippians 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.**