

Introduction:

Reality: When it comes to matters of faith, no matter how strongly we believe in something, there is \_\_\_\_\_  
for \_\_\_\_\_.

“Now that I am a Christian, I do have moods in which the whole thing looks very improbable; but when I was an atheist, I had moods in which Christianity looked terribly probable.” - C. S. Lewis

Results...

- When not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, it can lead to life destroying skepticism.
- When \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_, it can lead to a life-changing faith.

Positive Example: \_\_\_\_\_

John 20:24-30 – “Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’

But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.’

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’

Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

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

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”

Truth: Genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ and faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus demands dealing with our very \_\_\_\_\_ doubts.

Application: If we’re going to properly deal with doubts and grow in our faith, we must...

- \_\_\_\_\_ doubt
  - o We can \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ at the same \_\_\_\_\_.  
Mark 9:24, “Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”
  - o We can \_\_\_\_\_ doubt even as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 7:20, “When the men came to Jesus, they said, ‘John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who was to come, or should we expect someone else?’”
  - o We’re more \_\_\_\_\_ to doubt when \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.  
Luke 3:20, “Herod...locked John up in prison.”  
Luke 7:22 – “So he replied to the messengers, ‘Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor.’”

o We can \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ God and still have doubt.

Luke 7:28a, "I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John..."

o Our doubts can be the \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 17:5, "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'"

• \_\_\_\_\_ to doubt

o We need to identify and address the \_\_\_\_\_ of our doubt.

\_\_\_\_\_

Romans 1:20, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse."

Romans 12:2, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

\_\_\_\_\_

Proverbs 13:20, "Walk with the wise and become wise, for a companion of fools suffers harm."

Hebrews 10:24-25, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

\_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 4:4, "The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."

1 Corinthians 2:14, "The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit."

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

o We need to embrace that there are \_\_\_\_\_ that we can't \_\_\_\_\_ and may never be \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

John 16:12, "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear."

1 Corinthians 13:12, "Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

o We need to learn to \_\_\_\_\_ even when \_\_\_\_\_.

Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight."

Romans 10:17, "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ."