

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1303: How Can I Doubt My Doubts? (Part II)

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SHOW NOTES

1. How did the Pharisees mock Jesus on the cross? In what way did they fulfill the prophecy of Psalm 22? What were the actions of the Pharisees we must never copy and why? (Matthew 27:41-43, Psalms 22:6-8)
2. Mildest kinds of doubt – *diakrino* and *distazo*
 - a. What prefix is used on many of the words for “doubt”?
 - b. What does this prefix mean?
3. How do 1 Corinthians 6:4-6 and James 1:5-8 illustrate this?
 - a. What does “double-minded” mean and why must we not be so?
 - b. How does Abraham’s faith contradict this kind of wavering? How was he rewarded? (Romans 4:19-22)
 - c. In what way can our own doubts become obstacles or tools? How should we handle our own vacillations? Is this kind of doubt constructive or destructive?
4. Was Jesus rebuking Peter for his doubt while walking on the water? Explain. Why did Jesus’ voice initially frighten the disciples in the boat? Why might Jesus have said, *You of little faith*, to Peter who exhibited a great faith in stepping out of the boat? How was his doubt constructive? (Matthew 8:25-27, 14:22-33)
5. Do you have a doubt of faith? Use the five suggested questions to find out the source of your doubt and dismantle it so you can turn it from destructive to constructive doubt that will help you to grow.
6. Stronger kinds of doubt – *diaporeo*
 - a. What does “nonplussed” mean? At times of dramatic perplexity, what does the Lord provide?
 - b. What did the women at Jesus’ tomb do with the perplexity of their *unmet expectations*? (Luke 24:1-10)
 - c. What was the crowd’s reaction at Pentecost when the apostles spoke in tongues? (Acts 2:12-16)
 - d. How did God reveal His will and plan after these *unexpected happenings*?
 - e. Why was Peter perplexed at the visions he was given? What was his *limited perception*?
How did he react to the revealing of God’s plan for the Gentiles? (Acts 10:17-22, 15:8-10)
7. Strongest kind of doubt – *aporeo*, *aporia*
 - a. What distinguishes *aporeo* from *diaporeo*?
 - b. What was frightening about Jesus’ proclamation on the night before his crucifixion? (John 13:21-22)
 - c. How can we handle the perplexity we know will come to earth before God’s kingdom? (Luke 21:25-26)
 - d. How do repentance and forgiveness work?
 - e. Why is 2 Corinthians 4:7-10 a good role model for us? How does Paul make his perplexity constructive?
8. Describe the beautiful steps laid out for us in Philippians 4:4-7. How can you be like Peter, *O ye of little faith*, by refocusing your doubt on Jesus?