



3. The Benefit of Doubt – Book Of Habakkuk “Trusting God When Nothing Makes Sense”

Three Primary Reasons Why People Doubt; By John Ortberg

~Lack Of Evidence. ~Hypocrisy Of Christians. ~Pain & Suffering

Question We All Must Consider: Can We Trust In God?

Real Faith Isn't Denying Doubt.

Real Faith Is Being Honest About Your Doubt.

Series Premise:

Doubt Isn't The Enemy Of Faith.

Doubt Is Often A Doorway To A Deeper, More Meaningful Faith.

The Prophet Habakkuk

Lived In A Morally & Politically Compromised Nation

Chapter 1 - Habakkuk Questions God

Hab 1:2-3: "How long must I call for help, but you do not listen?"

The Depth Of Habakkuk's Prayer

What questions surface as you consider the world around you?

When life raises questions you can't answer, it can feel like you only have 2 Options.

~You Deny Your Faith.

~You Deny Your Questions.

Thankful—Habakkuk shows us—3rd option.

~You Doubt And Keep Seeking.

Meaning of his name Habakkuk to wrestle and to embrace.

You Can Question God & Still Believe In God

Can we still believe when things don't make sense? Hab.1:6-7 &9
Chapter 1 No answer—No miracle—No resolution.

When you wonder, don't walk away from God

Chapter 2 - Habakkuk Waits On God

Hab 2: 1 I will stand at my watch and station myself on the tower; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

God reminds Habakkuk: v.4 & 20;

"The righteous person will live by his faithfulness"

"The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him."

Chapter 3 – Habakkuk Trusts God

Hab 3:1 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth.

Not Praise For What God Is Doing Praise For Who God Is!

Hab 3:16-18

Because Sometimes Real Faith Isn't Found In Having All The Answers It's Found In Not Letting Go Of God.

Life Group Questions:

~What's been your biggest takeaway from this message series?

~Share about a time when you wrestled with faith and frustration. ~What were your conversations with God and others like?

~Has, and if so, how has your faith grown while having conversations about doubt, concerns, or questions about God with other people?

What are some of the ways you have held onto God in the middle of your doubts?

Read Habakkuk 3:16-18.

~Do you find yourself in a place of questioning, waiting, or trusting? How can you worship God in this season?

Spend Time Praying For One Another & Family & Friends Who Are Actively Wrestling With Their Own Questions, Doubts, & Concerns.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for welcoming our doubts, questions, and concerns. We choose to turn toward You in the questioning and wait on You, ultimately choosing to trust Your character more than our circumstances. Please continue to grow our faith in You.

In Jesus' name, amen.

For additional resources,

The Benefit Of Doubt; Craig Groeschel

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Faith & Doubt; By John Ortberg

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