

# WHERE DOUBT LEADS

## GOT FAITH? - Part #5

Pastor Kevin Cummings – October 19, 2025

I Kings 18:1-19:7

- Doubt is \_\_\_\_\_ the enemy of faith; it's a \_\_\_\_\_ to a deeper, more meaningful faith.

### I. Doubt can lead to \_\_\_\_\_. (I Kings 18:1-19:2)

A. Even though we are surrounded by:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ as seen in Obadiah. (v. 1-15)

*"Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God." James 4:4*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ as seen in Ahab and Jezebel. (v. 16-18; 19:1-2; II Timothy 3:1-5)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ as seen in the people. (v. 19-21)

- 1.) The biggest fool is not the one who says there is no God, the biggest fool is the one who says there is a God but doesn't fully commit to Him.

- 2.) People need a demonstration of the gospel more than they need a definition of the gospel. (Romans 1:16)

B. Even though we should be motivated: (I Kings 18:22-46)

1. To \_\_\_\_\_. (I Cor. 16:33; Phil. 2:13; Colossians 4:5)

2. To \_\_\_\_\_. (John 17:1-25)

3. To \_\_\_\_\_. (Ephesians 6:11-14)

*"Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord." II Cor. 6:17*

4. To \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 12:1-2)

5. To \_\_\_\_\_ for God to be glorified so: (Exodus 33:18)

- 1.) Sin can be forgiven.
- 2.) People will feel conviction.
- 3.) Lives are changed.

### II. Doubt can lead to \_\_\_\_\_. (I Kings 19:3-4)

- Comparison results in \_\_\_\_\_. What causes it?

A. We give in to \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 3a)

1. Whether it be fear of criticism, fear of missing out, fear of falling behind, or the fear of not mattering, fear causes us to run, forget or despair.
2. Fear either gets the best of you or brings out the best in you.

*"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10*

B. We \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves into the ground & are worn out (v. 3b)

C. We are \_\_\_\_\_. (v. 3c-4a)

1. Life is better connected with God, your family, your church and with others. (Ephesians 4:25)
2. You need the church and the church needs you.

D. We focus on our \_\_\_\_\_ rather than the facts. (v. 4b)

- Feelings \_\_\_\_\_.

### III. Doubt can lead to \_\_\_\_\_. (I Kings 19:5-7)

- Theologians call this a "\_\_\_\_\_ " – a pre-Bethlehem appearance of Jesus Christ. (Daniel 3:1-30; 6:1-28)

ACTION POINTS:

- 1.) Make sure your doubt leads you on the \_\_\_\_\_

- 2.) Is your faith \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

- 3.) Give God the \_\_\_\_\_.

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- Doubt is not the enemy of faith; it's a pathway to a deeper, more meaningful faith.

### I. Doubt can lead to courage. (I Kings 18:1-19:2)

A. Even though we are surrounded by:

1. Compromise as seen in Obadiah. (I Kings 18:1-15)

*“Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? So whoever wants to be the friend of the world becomes the enemy of God.” James 4:4*

2. Corruption as seen in Ahab and Jezebel.

(I Kings 18:16-18; 19:1-2; II Timothy 3:1-5)

3. Complacency as seen in the people. (I Kings 18:19-21)

1.) The biggest fool is not the one who says there is no God, the biggest fool is the one who says there is a God but doesn't fully commit to Him.

2.) People need a demonstration of the gospel more than they need a definition of the gospel. (Romans 1:16)

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B. Even though we should be motivated: (I Kings 18:22-46)

1. To act. (I Cor. 16:33; Phil. 2:13; Colossians 4:5)

2. To come together. (John 17:1-25)

3. To stand alone. (Ephesians 6:11-14)

*“Come out from them and be separate, says the Lord.” II Cor. 6:17*

4. To sacrifice. (Romans 12:1-2)

5. To pray for God to be glorified so: (Exodus 33:18)

1.) Sin can be forgiven.

2.) People will feel conviction.

3.) Lives are changed.

### II. Doubt can lead to comparisons. (I Kings 19:3-4)

- Comparison results in burnout. What causes it?

A. We give in to fear. (v. 3a)

1. Whether it be fear of criticism, fear of missing out, fear of falling behind, or the fear of not mattering, fear causes us to run, forget or despair.

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B. We run ourselves into the ground & are worn out (v. 3b)

C. We are isolated. (v. 3c-4a)

1. Life is better connected with God, your family, your church and with others. (Ephesians 4:25)

2. You need the church and the church needs you.

D. We focus on our feelings rather than the facts. (v. 4b)

- Feelings aren't reliable.

### III. Doubt can lead to Christ. (I Kings 19:5-7)

- Theologians call this a “Christophany” – a pre-Bethlehem appearance of Jesus Christ. (Daniel 3:1-30; 6:1-28)

ACTION POINTS:

1.) Make sure your doubt leads you on the narrow path to heaven.

2.) Is your faith stagnant or growing?

3.) Give God the benefit of the doubt.