

Series: FOLLOW ME
Part 4: “DEFEATING DOUBT”
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²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,
 who will prepare your way before you.”

²⁸ I tell you, among those born of women there is no one greater than John; yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

Luke 7:27-28 (NIV)

¹⁸ John’s disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, ¹⁹ he sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

Luke 7:18-19 (NIV)

¹⁹ But when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother’s wife, and all the other evil things he had done, ²⁰ Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

Luke 3:19-20 (NIV)

Three Sources of Doubt and Three Strategies For Defeating Doubt:

1. _____

➤ **Strategy #1: Take Our** _____

¹ How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?
 How long will you hide your face from me?

² How long must I wrestle with my thoughts
 and day after day have sorrow in my heart?
 How long will my enemy triumph over me?

³ Look on me and answer, Lord my God.

Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death,
⁴ and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”
 and my foes will rejoice when I fall.

Psalm 13:1-4 (NIV)

2. _____

²⁰ When the men came to Jesus, they said, “John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?’”

²¹ At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases, sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. 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 cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ²³ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Luke 7:20-23 (NIV)

➤ **Strategy #2: Go Back to** _____

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

John 16:33b (NIV)

¹² Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ,

1 Peter 4:12-13a (NIV)

⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

2 Corinthians 1:5 (NIV)

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?

⁸ Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. ⁹ The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Luke 3:7-9 (NIV)

3. _____

➤ **Strategy #3:** _____!