

**The Shadow Side of Faith...**  
**The Weight of Time**  
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Genesis 18:9–15

*9 They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." 10 The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. 12 So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?"*

**Doubt isn't the end of FAITH — it's part of the JOURNEY.**

**1) Doubt often comes from... What seems to be DELAYED.**

- Doubt often isn't REBELLION — it's FATIGUE.

**2) Doubt often comes from... What seems to be DEAD.**

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- Sometimes, doubt is a defense MECHANISM against DISAPPOINTMENT.
- CYNICISM is often just HOPE that's been wounded.

**3) Faith comes from...What we DECLARE.**

- Doubt is not the opposite of FAITH.
- The opposite of FAITH is what I SEE.
- Doubt is the "GAP" that we live in of what God's says, and what I see.
- God meets us even when we struggle to HOPE again.
- He does what He says, not because we BELIEVE hard enough, but because He is FAITHFUL.