

WHEN FAITH LOSES ITS FOOHOLD
SERIES: FUELING OUR FAITH
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Text: Matthew 11:1-19

John the Baptist became confused with doubts and questions because what he was hearing about Jesus did not match his conception of Him.

When we become disillusioned...our faith can lose its foothold.

Are you the one who is to come or should we expect someone else? Matthew 11:3

Reasons For Disillusionment:

DEPRESSION

“Will the Lord reject forever? Will he never show his favor again? Has his unfailing love vanished forever? Has his promise failed for all time? Has God forgotten to be merciful? Has he in anger withheld his compassion?” Then I thought, “To this I will appeal: the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand. I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds.” Psalm 77:7-12

How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? 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? Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,” and my foes will rejoice when I fall. But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord’s praise, for he has been good to me. Psalm 13

I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I well remember them, and my soul is downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:19-23

DISAPPOINTMENT

- If we don’t learn to handle disappointments, eventually life turns sour and there is no joy left in it.
- We need to learn how to turn disappointments into God’s appointments.

A PARTIAL VIEW OF CHRIST

Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor. Blessed is the man who does not fall away on account of me. Matthew 11:4-6

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn. Isaiah 61:1-2

I know that my Redeemer lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth 26 And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. Job 19:25-26

Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me. Matthew 11:6