



## **Everyone Doubts**

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### **Matthew 11:1-5**

“After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee.

<sup>2</sup> When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples <sup>3</sup> to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

Your circumstances influence your emotions and your emotions can respond to that situation.

We all have expectations – friendships, school, work, marriage, church, government.

Often those expectations are not met.

### **How should we handle disappointments?**

#### **1. God is Good and He loves us.**

**I Chronicles 16:34** “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is GOOD; his LOVE endures forever.”

#### **2. God wants good things for us.**

**Romans 8:28** “And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.”

#### **3. Gods plan looks different than I thought it would. We don't see the whole picture.**

**Isaiah 55:8** “‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the Lord.”

#### **4. Trust God when we doubt.**

**Proverbs 3:5** “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

**Philippians 4:6-7** “Don’t be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

#### **5. Trust God’s plan for your life.**

**Matthew 6:33** “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

**Romans 1:17** “For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”

**2 Corinthians 5:7** “For we live by faith, not by sight.”

**How many verses have you underlined or even memorized – that you really don’t believe?**

**Jesus responded to John’s doubts –**

**Jesus replied,** “Go back and report to John what you HEAR and SEE: <sup>5</sup> 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.”

**Q. What do you hear and see around you?**

**Q. Where is God working and moving?**

**Watch for Him / Listen for Him.**

**Hebrews 13:5** “Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, ‘Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.’”

**Joshua 1:9** “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; neither be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”