

Play It Again

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*18 So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, who had been **reproved** by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, 20 added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.*

—Luke 3:18-20 (ESV)

18 The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, 19 calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

—Luke 7:18-19 (ESV)

John faced doubt and discouragement because of

1) Undesirable CIRCUMSTANCES

2) Unmet EXPECTATIONS

7 "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? 8 Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time? 9 Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he in anger shut up his compassion?"

—Psalm 77:7-9 (ESV)

*20 And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" 21 In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. 22 And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have **seen** and **heard**: the blind receive their sight,*

the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. 23 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

—Luke 7:20-23 (ESV)

**The Remedy for Doubt and Discouragement:
To Find Hope for the FUTURE, Remember What God Did in
the PAST.**

I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds. Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God?

—Psalm 77:11-13 (ESV)

Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins... But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)

—Ephesians 2:1,4,5 (NLT)