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IN ONE LESSON

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Lesson 27

Dealing with Doubt

“One of the top reasons that young people, 18-29, are leaving the church is because they feel like churches are not friendly toward those who doubt.”

LEE STROBEL

*You Need an Apologetics Point Person,
ChurchLeaders Podcast*

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What kind of doubt James is talking about?

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Make a list of things that may cause someone to doubt

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How is emotional and intellectual
doubt different?

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What are some things that can help
doubt?

“it is not so much the fact of a crisis or transition in a person's life that affects her/his faith as it is the way the individual deals with, learns from, and grows spiritually because of the experience.”

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“For instance, some of those interviewed in the Module 2 survey reflected that their faith had stagnated at times of crisis when counseled by religious leaders not to doubt or question or seek to rebuild their faith structures.”

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What passages do you think would be helpful?

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How might doubt be helpful? Why would God allow it?

“A faith without some doubts is like a human body without antibodies. It is susceptible to attack.”

TIM KELLER

<https://twitter.com/timkellernyc/status/932987976426115072>

7 What other thoughts do you have about doubts?

17 mistakes that cause doubt

From “When Critics Ask: a Popular Handbook on Bible Difficulties”

1. Assuming that the unexplained is unexplainable
2. Presuming the Bible guilty until proven innocent
3. Confusing our fallible interpretations with God’s infallible revelation
4. Failing to understand the context of the passage
5. Neglecting to interpret difficult passages in the light of clear ones
6. Basing a teaching on an obscure passage
7. Forgetting that the Bible is a human book with human characteristics
8. Assuming that a partial report is a false report
9. Demanding that NT citations of the OT always be exact quotations
10. Assuming the divergent accounts are false ones
11. Presuming that the Bible approves of all that it records
12. Forgetting the that Bible uses non-technical, everyday language
13. Assuming that round numbers are false
14. Neglecting to note that the Bible uses different literary devices
15. Forgetting that only the original text, is without error
16. Confusing general statements with universal ones
17. Forgetting that later revelation supersedes previous revelation