

# am i the only one that doubts?

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## the dynamics of doubt

### 1. Doubt is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### John the Baptist

Matthew 11:2-3 (NLT) – “John the Baptist, who was in prison, heard about all the things the Messiah was doing. So he sent his disciples to ask Jesus, ‘Are you the Messiah we’ve been expecting, or should we keep looking for someone else?’”

Matthew 11:4-5 (NLT) – “Jesus told them, ‘Go back to John and tell him what you have heard and seen—the blind see, the lame walk, those with leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to life, and the Good News is being preached to the poor.’”

Matthew 11:11 (NLT) – “I tell you the truth, of all who have ever lived, none is greater than John the Baptist. Yet even the least person in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he is!”

#### Elijah

1 Kings 19:3-4 (CEV) – “Elijah was afraid when he got her message and ran to the town of Beersheba in Judah. He left his servant there, then walked another whole day into the desert. Finally, he came to a large bush and sat down in its shade. He begged the Lord, ‘I’ve had enough. Just let me die! I’m no better off than my ancestors.’”

James 5:17 (NLT) – “Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years!”

#### Abraham

Genesis 16:1-2 (NLT) – “Now Sarai, Abram’s wife, had not been able to bear children for him. But she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. So Sarai said to Abram, ‘The Lord has prevented me from having children. Go and sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have children through her.’ And Abram agreed with Sarai’s proposal.”

Romans 4:20-21 (NLT) – “Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. He was fully convinced that God is able to do whatever he promises.”

#### David

Psalms 13:1-2 (NLT) – “O Lord, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand?”

Acts 13:22 (NIV) – “God testified concerning him: ‘I have found David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.’”

### 2. Doubt is \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 9:21-24 (NLT) – “He replied, ‘Since he was a little boy. The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can.’ ‘What do you mean, ‘If I can’?’ Jesus asked. ‘Anything is possible if a person believes.’ The father instantly cried out, ‘I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!’”

Psalms 42:9-10 (MSG) – “Sometimes I ask God, my rock-solid God, ‘Why did you let me down? Why am I walking around in tears, harassed by enemies?’ They’re out for the kill, these tormentors with their obscenities, Taunting day after day, ‘Where is this God of yours?’”

Psalms 77:7-9 (NLT) – “Has the Lord rejected me forever? Will he never again be kind to me? Is his unfailing love gone forever? Have his promises permanently failed? Has God forgotten to be gracious? Has he slammed the door on his compassion?”

John 20:27 (NLT) – “Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!’”

### 3. Doubt calls \_\_\_\_\_.

Jude 1:22 (NIV) – “Be merciful to those who doubt.”

Mercy creates \_\_\_\_\_.

Romans 15:1-2 (GW/TLB) – “Those of us who have a strong faith must be patient with the weaknesses of those whose faith is not so strong. We must not think only of ourselves. For we must bear the “burden” of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others.”

Mercy is \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 6:2 (AMP) – “Bear, endure, and carry one another’s burdens and troublesome moral faults, and in this way fulfill and observe perfectly the law of Christ.”

Mercy is \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Corinthians 8:2-3 (MSG) – “We sometimes tend to think we know all we need to know to answer these kinds of questions—but sometimes our humble hearts can help us more than our proud minds. We never really know enough until we recognize that God alone knows it all.”