

SERMON NOTES

May 30 & 31, 2026

Reasonable Doubt: Gone Bad

1. Doubts don't make me _____, doubts make me _____.

2. Faith is trusting God in spite of _____. **Hebrews 11:6**

3. People with the deepest faith have _____ their doubts.

4. Doubt can be a good thing, but doubt can also _____.

a. Doubts can turn us into _____.

- _____ required

- Cause: The fear of _____. **John 20:25**

- _____ that seem too hard to believe

- _____ for themselves even if it seems hard to believe
John 1:46b-50

b. Skepticism can turn us into _____

- Assume they already have _____

- Doubt _____

- Cause: _____. **John 18:37c-38a**

c. Cynicism can turn us into _____.

- _____: "I don't want to believe."

- Cause: Desire to _____ **Mark 10:17-22**

- Doubt _____

5. God leaves me clues because God _____ even while God is
_____.

Jeremiah 29:13 | Luke 19:10

Life Steps

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Monday

Hebrews 11:6

Reflect: How would you describe the current state of your faith in God? Refer to your message notes if needed. How will you practically seek God in your everyday routines and decisions?

Prayer: Lord, I come seeking you in the quiet of my soul and the business of my life. Increase my faith.

Tuesday

John 20:24-29

Reflect: Thomas was a skeptic until he literally touched the wounds of the Resurrected Jesus. Name any doubts or questions you have about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, or faith in general. When life happens, and you find yourself feeling skeptical, what would be a helpful response from a person of faith?

Prayer: God, I want to please you. Use me to encourage others who are cautious about putting their trust in you.

Wednesday

John 1:43-49

Reflect: Nathaniel was a skeptic until Jesus spoke into his life. What are the tendencies or dangers of being a skeptic? What does this teach us about how we are to respond to skeptics?

Prayer: Trust God enough to speak out loud/journal any skepticism or doubts you have about God, faith, or any life situation. Then pray, "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief."

Thursday

John 18:37-38

Reflect: Pilate was a cynic. No one sets out to be cynical, but life happens. What might have been the cause of Pilate's cynicism? What are the dangers of cynicism?

Prayer: Ask God to reveal any cynicism that might have taken root in you, then quietly listen. Jot down anything you sense God bringing to your attention. Ask God to help you trust him, then pray, "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief."

Friday

Mark 10:17-22

Reflect: The wealthy man in this passage was a rebel. A Rebel's ultimate allegiance is to self and is fueled by a desire to be in control, to be in charge of their own life. Is there something you know God wants you to do, but you refuse to do it? Maybe it's an act of forgiveness, being more generous, dealing with a habit, working on a relationship, etc. Name it.

Prayer: Good and merciful God, show me where I am stubborn when it comes to surrendering control to you. Forgive me. Help me. Heal me.

Saturday

Jeremiah 29:13

Reflect: Cynics, skeptics, and rebels stop seeking God. Instead, they wallow, each in their own way, in some kind of misery. Where are you stuck emotionally? What would it look like for you to seek God in that very place?

Prayer: Pray that God will use our Saturday night worship to attract those who are suspicious about God and faith. Pray by name for somebody you know who might find Saturday night worship a safe introduction to God.

Sunday

John 4:23-24

Reflect: What is the purpose of worship? What does it mean to worship God in spirit and in truth? Does Romans 12:1 help you?

Prayer: Pray for all our weekend services as you feel led. Ask God to use our new series on the Holy Spirit to change lives and deepen our relationship with the Father.