



When I pray I wonder if I am not posting letters to a non-existent address. Mind you, I don't *think* so- the whole of my reasonable mind is convinced: but I often *feel* so. C.S. Lewis

Two sides of doubt

Intellectual-what we think

Personal-what we feel

-Doubt defined

Doubt...what it is not

It's not skepticism-decision to question everything

It's not unbelief-decision not to have faith in God

-Doubt defined

Doubt...what it is

**Asking questions or voicing
uncertainties from the standpoint of faith**

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To accept Jesus demands a leap of faith-but so does the decision to reject him. Alister McGrath

Doubt produces depth.

**“If a man begins with certainty, he will end in doubts.
But if he begins with doubts, he will end in certainty.”**

Francis Bacon

A relationship that has stood up against doubt is deeper than one where doubt was never allowed.

- Types of Doubt

1. Doubt as hesitation

Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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2. Doubt as double-mindedness

James 4:8

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

“double-minded” from Greek word “dipsychos”

Doubt is a way in which God is able to deepen our faith by showing us our lack of faith.

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3. Doubt as a state of mind

John 20:27

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

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Luke 17:5-6

5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you.

We are not saved by the amount of our faith, but by the object of our faith.

Jude 22

And have mercy on those who doubt...