



## “Dealing with Doubt”

Mark 9:14-29

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### Why People Doubt:

Confusion

Family or Friends

Wounded

Independence

Feelings

Circumstances

Disappointment

Rebellion

Uncommitted

### People in the Bible That Didn't Seem to Struggle With Doubt

Centurion

Matthew 8:5-13 & Luke 7:1-10

Canaanite Woman

Matthew 15:22-28

### People in the Bible Who Struggled with Doubt

- ✓ John the Baptist – *Matthew 11 & Luke 7*
- ✓ Father of Demon Possessed Boy – *Mark 9:14-29 & Matthew 17:14-21*
- ✓ Thomas - *John 20:19-29 & Luke 24*
- ✓ Disciples on Road to Emmaus - *Luke 24*

### What Does Jesus Do About Doubt?

- ✓ He Encourages Them to Believe
- ✓ He Doesn't Fuss at Them
- ✓ He Answers Their Questions – The Word of God.
- ✓ He Gives Them Proof
- ✓ He Shows Them the Right Way

### What Do We Do About Doubt

- ✓ Permit Your Doubts: *Faith Doesn't Equal No Doubt*

- ✓ Proper Understanding  
*The Opposite of Faith Is Not Doubt, But Unbelief*
- ✓ Pause With Your Feelings  
*Faith Doesn't Equal Our Feelings*

- ✓ Pose (Ask) Questions
- ✓ Paralysis Must Be Avoided
- ✓ Present Them to Jesus
- ✓ Pursue Answers – Pursue Jesus
- ✓ Plunge (Dive) Deeply into the Word of God
- ✓ Put Your Faith in Christ
- ✓ Pray About Your Doubts
- ✓ Persistently Stay the Course

### Our Response:

1. This morning, do you have any doubts about where you will spend eternity. You can respond to the truth today! It is as easy as **ABC**. **Admit** to God you are a sinner, **Ask** for His forgiveness, **Believe** Jesus is God's Son, **Confess** Him as Savior & **Commit** Your Life to Him as Lord. (the Boss of your life)
2. Today, would you step over the line and put any doubts aside if Petal FBC is the right place for you and your family. If you have asked Christ into your heart, but never been baptized, then come today and join by baptism. If you have already been baptized and a member of another church and God is calling you here, then join this church family.
3. Would you bring any doubts you have to the feet of Jesus for He is willing and waiting to answer you! Would you find answers in the Word and at Church?
4. Would you help others deal with their doubts by praying for them and sharing the truth of God's Word with them? Invite them come to church with you!

