

Dealing -WITH- Doubt



GOING?



**WHEN IT
FEELS LIKE
“NO”**





Doubts may be of several types:

Factual- “I don’t know about this resurrection stuff.”

Volitional- “I don’t think I can Do what God says.”

Emotional- “I feel as if God has Abandoned me.”

When I am in Doubt or Despair I will
Talk with my Heavenly Father:

I Will Tell Him How I Feel

I Will Tell Him What I Need

I Will Tell Him of My Faith in Him

When I am in Doubt or Despair I will
Declare:

John 6:68 (NASB95)

“Lord, to whom shall we go? You
have words of eternal life.

2 Corinthians 12:7 (NASB95)

7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself!



2 Corinthians 12:8–9 (NASB95)

8 Concerning this I implored the Lord
three times that it might leave me.

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NASB95)

9 And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

2 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NASB95)

10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.



The Difference Between:

A No Answer

And

A “No” Answer.

Your Greatest Difficulty
Can Be God's Greatest Demonstration
of His Grace and Power.

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Hebrews 4:14–15 (NASB95)

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:14–16 (NASB95)

16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 11:1–3 (NASB95)

1 Now faith is the assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

Matthew 26:37–39 (NASB95)

37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.

38 Then He *said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me.” 39 And He went a little beyond *them*, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.”

Lamentations 3:22–24 (NASB95)

22 The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease,
For His compassions never fail.

23 *They are new every morning;*
Great is Your faithfulness.

24 "The Lord is my portion,"
says my soul,
"Therefore I have hope in Him."



2 Corinthians 11:23–24 (NASB95)

23 Are they servants of Christ?—I speak as if insane—I more so; in far more labors, in far more imprisonments, beaten times without number, often in danger of death.

24 Five times I received from the Jews thirty-nine *lashes*.

2 Corinthians 11:23–30 (NASB95)

25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

2 Corinthians 11:26 (NASB95)

26 I have been on frequent journeys, in dangers from rivers, dangers from robbers, dangers from *my* countrymen, dangers from the Gentiles, dangers in the city, dangers in the wilderness, dangers on the sea, dangers among false brethren;

2 Corinthians 11:27–28 (NASB95)

27 *I have been* in labor and hardship, through many sleepless nights, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure.

28 Apart from *such* external things, there is the daily pressure on me *of* concern for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:23–30 (NASB95)

29 Who is weak without my being weak? Who is led into sin without my intense concern?

30 If I have to boast, I will boast of what pertains to my weakness.



When it feels like there is no Answer or a “No” Answer I will draw closer to God.

Infirmity and Incapacitation Does Not Mean No Impact. (It can mean the Opposite)

We Can Never Make Life Exactly
What WE Want.

We Can Never Make God Exactly
What We Want.

We Can Live Life With God And
Through His Grace And Power **Now**
And Look Forward To Life **Forever**
Exactly As We Want, **With God Who**
Is More Than We Could Ever Want.