

Out of the Ditch of Doubt

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Usually when we end up in a ditch it is by accident, but not so with the ditch of doubt! There is a path—unbelief—that leads to this ditch and it can be avoided. The initial onset of doubt is a faith-test, and we must take it to the Lord Jesus and confess our weakness and call on His strength for abiding faith. God will not abandon us in our doubt, but **we must trust in the dark what God has already shown us in the light!**

According to *Webster's New American Dictionary*, **doubt**—verb—means to be uncertain about; to lack confidence in; to distrust, and to consider unlikely.

Doubt—noun—means to have an uncertainty of belief; a condition causing uncertainty, hesitation or suspense (outcome was in *doubt*); distrust, and **an inclination not to believe or accept.**

Doubt says the following awful, ungodly thing:

“God cannot do what he promised...and he cannot be trusted.” **Woe!**

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Isaiah 26:3-4

Psalm 91:2

Proverbs 3:5-6

Hebrews 2:1

Hebrews 3:12

Scripture to Memorize:

Isaiah 7:9b “*If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.*”

NOTES on Speaking Session:

Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. When someone says “trust me” what would be at least three things you know about their character that you would think through before you trust them?

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Doubt is the antithesis—exact opposite—of what other words (see how many you can list)?

- _____, _____, _____
- _____, _____, _____

3. In your own words, describe the ‘ditch of doubt,’ and when it is most likely to become your destination.

Recommended Reading:

In the Eye of the Storm, Max Lucado

Powerful Prayer for Every Family, Dr. Gregory Frizzell

The Journey (How to Live By Faith in an Uncertain World), Billy Graham