

Cultivate #21

CULTIVATING FAITH FAITH ^{and} -~~VS~~- DOUBT

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV)

Observations On Faith & Doubt

1. Doubt Is Part Of Being A _____.

* The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd. Hebrews 11:1 (MES)

* Be merciful to those who doubt. Jude :22 (TLB)

2. _____ Lives By Faith.

* You can never please God without faith, without depending on him. Hebrews 11:6 (NCV)

* The righteous will live by faith. Galatians 3:11 (NIV)

3. _____ Is The Path To A Stronger Faith.

* 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." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:27-28 (NIV)

* You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. John 8:32 (NIV)

* I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. John 14:6 (NIV)

4. Even Without Certainty,

----- Is Still Possible.

* After this a lot of his disciples left. They no longer wanted to be associated with him. Then Jesus gave the Twelve their chance: "Do you also want to leave?" Peter replied, "Master, to whom would we go? You have the words of real life, eternal life. We've already committed ourselves, confident that you are the Holy One of God."
John 6:67-68 (MSG)

* Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! Matthew 28:16 (NLT)

* "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."
Matthew 28:17-20 (NLT)

Cultivating Step #21

Don't just doubt your faith—
doubt your doubts too.

The righteous will live by faith.
Galatians 3:11 (NIV)