**Doubting Disciples**

Many of God’s true children experience times of doubting. Doubts are of different kinds, and each kind requires its own distinct treatment. Nevertheless, there are some general principles that may help all of God’s doubting children.

**1. The greatest believer may have doubts.**

A. The *greatness* of John

B. The *doubts* of John

**2. The Lord will not reject you because of doubts.**

A. Sometimes He *rebukes* the doubter

B. Sometimes He *encourages* the doubter

**3. The Lord has an answer for your doubts.**

How did the Lord answer John?

A. The words and deeds of *Jesus*

 John 14:7-11

B. The larger picture of *Scripture*

Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1

**4. How may you deal with your doubts?**

A. Accept *God’s purpose* for your doubts.

B. Don’t just *brush off* your doubts.

C. Seek a deeper *relationship* with Christ.

**For additional study or family discussion**

1. Did the Lord speak to you today about Himself and His ways? Did He show you a duty you need to perform or a promise you need to claim? What was either encouraging or challenging in the sermon?

2. Sometimes God rebukes the doubter.

Judges 4:1-9

Luke 1:18-20

Matthew 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8

3. Sometimes God encourages the doubter.

Judges 6:11-23 and 36-40; 7:9-15

1 Kings 19

Luke 24:36-41

John 20:24-29 (This also fits under #2.)

4. The importance of seeking the Lord with all your heart when you are in difficulty, despair, and doubt –

Deuteronomy 4:29

Isaiah 55:6-7

Jeremiah 29:13