

**The Balancing Act
Part V; July 16, 2017**

Mark 9:14-29 (NIV)

“Doubt That Produces Faith – Part I”

Everyone struggles with doubt.

Then Abraham bowed down to the ground, **but he laughed to himself in disbelief.** – Gen. 17:17 (NLT)

But Moses again pleaded, “**Lord, please! Send anyone else.**” – Exodus 4:13 (NLT)

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? – Psalm 22:1 (NIV)

We struggle with different kinds of doubt.

Sometimes we doubt God’s Existence.

“There are moments where you think, ‘Is there a God? Where is God?’”
– Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Sometimes we doubt God’s Power.

“There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. **But what good is that with this huge crowd?**”
– John 6:9 (NLT)

Sometimes we doubt God’s Interest.

What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. **And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.** – Matthew 10:29-30 (NLT)

There’s a difference between honest doubt and dishonest doubt!

Dishonest doubt doesn’t WANT to believe!

For the hearts of these people are hardened, and their ears cannot hear, and they have closed their eyes— so their eyes cannot see, and their ears cannot hear, and their hearts cannot understand, and they cannot turn to me and let me heal them.
– Matthew 13:15 (NLT)

God can do more with honest doubt than he can with lying faith!

The father instantly cried out, “**I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!**” – Mark 9:24 (NLT)

Most of our doubt is not theological; it’s personal.

The roots of our doubts are not usually in our heads. They are in our hearts.