

The Balancing Act
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“Doubt That Produces Faith – Part II”

Doubt makes us wrestle with God.

Martha said to Jesus, “**Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.** But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus told her, “Your brother will rise again.” “Yes,” Martha said, “he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day.” Jesus told her, “**I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.**”
– John 11:21-25 (NLT)

Doubt makes us wrestle with God’s Character!
Doubt makes us wrestle with God’s Power!
Doubt makes us wrestle with God’s Purposes!

Doubt makes us develop our faith.

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”
– James 1:2-3 (NIV)

Doubt helps us not be deceived.

Jesus told them, “Don’t let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah.’ **They will deceive many.** – Matthew 24:4-5 (NLT)

Doubt keeps us from being foolish with God.

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, “**If you are the Son of God, jump off!** For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect and guard you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’ Jesus responded, “**The Scriptures also say, ‘You must not test the LORD your God.’** – Luke 4:9-12 (NLT)

**Doubt that’s deep
can lead to faith that’s deep.**

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief. **Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.**
– 1 Timothy 1:12-14 (NLT)