



God is True!

"He [Jesus] testifies about what he has seen and heard, but how few believe what he tells them! Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true."

John the Baptist | John 3:32-33 (NLT)

What happens when you read the Bible while imagining yourself in the scene, listening as if God is speaking directly to you? For me the words gain a vivid reality. Convicting! In this scene, John the Baptist tells his disciples who Jesus is... and he ought to know.

John's story is amazing in its own right. While still in his mother's womb, he leapt when the unborn Jesus was present. He humbly baptized Jesus, then witnessed the voice of God declare him to be his beloved son. Later, Jesus described John as the greatest of all who'd

ever walked the earth. Indeed, John was no ordinary man and he spoke the truth with incredible boldness. He minces no words here.

Take a moment: Imagine yourself as one of his disciples listening... what is your reaction to hearing him speak?

Reflect: **How might I change if I anticipate hearing directly from God as I read the Bible?**

As if being hit by a 2X4, mine was, "I accept... God is true! ...But why do I doubt so much?" Perhaps yours was similar. The most arduous hurdle to living the adventure God made us for is our lack of acceptance of Jesus' promises. Will he really provide? Will he really help me? Does he really love me?

I've had thousands of "discussions" with God about provision... we're not done yet! But I've learned that I cannot succumb to the enemy's taunts by letting doubt hold me back.

Unfortunately, countless Missions lay fallow, victims of unconflicted doubt. What doubt holds you back right now? Are you to pray and wait for it to vanish? Recklessly ignore it? If not these, then what?

Consider: **Doubt is not the issue. Being held back by it is.**

Joshua is a great example for how to overcome doubt. God calls his newly appointed leader to lead the Israelites across the Jordan at

flood stage.

"Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. Be strong and very courageous... ..This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." The Lord (Joshua 1:6-9)

Like a broken record, God pounds "be strong and courageous" into Joshua's thinking. (You think Joshua harbored some doubt?) Regardless, he knew he must cross. He took three days to get ready: Made a plan, had the people purify themselves, and committed to obey all of the laws in the book. Joshua wasn't reckless! Nor did he pray and wait. He diligently prepared to confront his obstacle head on. Then, in the midst of doubt, he courageously moved forward in faith.

"...I praise your name for your unfailing love and faithfulness; for your promises are backed by all the honor of your name." King David (Psalm 138:2)

Joshua chose to believe that God would honor his promises. History proves, a sure bet!

Imagine: My Mission advancing because I courageously move forward amid doubt.

Notice that God didn't part the waters of the Jordan until the Israelites

started moving. God's promises aren't proven true until they're tested. I've experienced this multiple times. Each time I've courageously moved straight into my fear, God has affirmed his promises are rock solid!

Do you want to know God deeply? Acknowledge your doubt and make a plan to confront it. Consult with godly advisors to make sure it's good. Then courageously move forward fully assured that...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What doubt is keeping me from advancing my Mission?
- Make a plan to confront it head on. Who can help me make sure it's a good plan?
- What promise of God directly contradicts my doubt? Write a Spirit Talk affirming that God will stand by this promise.

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

God's promises are 100% guaranteed!

*"For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" The
Apostle Paul | 1 Corinthians 1:20 (NLT)*



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