

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO

SERMON NOTES:

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

– **1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)**

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– **Matthew 11:2-3 (NLT)**

1. God doesn't always live up to your expectations but He always lives up to His word.

As waters wear away the stones and as floods wash away the soil of the earth, so You [O Lord] destroy the hope of man.

– **Job 14:19 (AB)**

Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou be altogether unto me as a liar, and as waters that fail?

– **Jeremiah 15:18 (KJV)**

Elijah was afraid and fled for his life. He went to Beersheba, a town in Judah, and he left his servant there. Then he went on alone into the wilderness, traveling all day. He sat down under a solitary broom tree and prayed that he might die. “I have had enough, Lord,” he said. “Take my life, for I am no better than my ancestors who have already died.”

– **1 Kings 19:3-5 (NLT)**

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2. A prison perspective will always cause you to doubt your destiny.

3. Your faith is more important than your failure.

God is more interested in your future than your failure.

And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

– **Luke 22:31-32 (NKJV)**

Your faith isn't hiding, it just needs to be activated.

We walk by what God says not by what we see.

Even if your faith is gone God will still be there for you.

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! “Peace be with you,” he said.

– **John 20:19 (NLT)**

4. Even when you can't get out, God can always get in.

Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” So he said to them, “Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.” And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!” Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.” And Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

– John 20:24-29

5. Even when you doubt, God still shows up!

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

– Deuteronomy 31:6

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

1. In what ways are you frustrated in your faith right now?
2. Where did you get your expectations from?
 - In what area of your life are you struggling with the expectation gap?
3. We've all felt forgotten before, the question is, have you ever felt forgotten by God?
4. If you were to be completely honest, are you operating with a prison perspective or a faith-filled perspective?
5. In his message, Pastor Jeremy discusses how God focuses on our future rather than our failure. Sometimes we can focus so much on our failure that the thought of the future seems hopeless. Does God believe more in your future than you do?
 - Explain with your group.
6. How can you let God in this week?
7. Is prayer your first response, or your last resort?
 - How can you start prioritizing prayer in this time of your life?
8. In what ways can you surrender your belief and unbelief this week so that you don't miss the miracle?