



I. REVIEW/INTRO

A. This I believe

- **The conclusion you arrive at is based on the belief you start with.**
 - Because I believe that God's word is true I have confidence
 - Because I believe that God is good I have peace
 - Because I believe that God is all-powerful I will not fear.
 - Because I believe that God loves me I have security.
 - Because I believe that there's an empty tomb I have victory
 - Because I believe that Jesus is coming again I have hope

B. The conclusion you arrive at is based on the belief you start with

- We often mistake our beliefs for the truth
- We think it's the believing of something that makes it true

C. The question

Matthew 11:1-3 (NIV) After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. ²When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

- If you believe that the proof of your faith is in what you're currently experiencing – good or bad – the moment you experience something contrary to what you were expecting you'll begin to question

D. John was alone and in prison

- What do we do when life has contradicted our beliefs about what's supposed to happen?

II. DON'T STUMBLE

A. What do we do when we the questions start?

Matthew 11:4-6 (NIV) ⁴Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

- **Stumble is the Greek word Skandalon** – to trip up, entice, a stumbling block that may cause you to trip and fall or to fall away.

We think that it's our believing that makes something true, if we believe or agree with it then it's true

B. Are you tripping over something that's not true?

III. IN THE MIDST OF THE NOISE...WHAT IF?



Matthew 14:22-33 – Peter walks on the water

A. Jesus told them to get in the boat and go to the other side

Matthew 14:22-24 (TLB) ²² Immediately after this, Jesus told his disciples to get into their boat and cross to the other side of the lake while he stayed to get the people started home. ²³⁻²⁴ Then afterwards he went up into the hills to pray. Night fell, and out on the lake the disciples were in trouble. For the wind had risen and they were fighting heavy seas

- Certain storms are unavoidable

B. God's timing isn't designed to give us relief but revelation

Matthew 14:25 (TLB) About four o'clock in the morning Jesus came to them, walking on the water!

- Just because I don't see him doesn't mean he's not watching me

Matthew 14:28 (TLB) ²⁸ Then Peter called to him: "Sir, if it is really you, tell me to come over to you, walking on the water."

C. What if there's something on the other side that's worth going through the storm for?

- There will always be resistance when it comes to doing what Jesus said to do

Philippians 1:6 (TPT) ⁶ I pray with great faith for you, because I'm fully convinced that the One who began this glorious work in you will faithfully continue the process of maturing you and will put his finishing touches to it until the unveiling of our Lord Jesus Christ!