



A light to my path. Psalm 119:105

Doubt!

Jesus told his disciples, “Have faith in God.” (Mark 11:22, NKJV). He made that statement in his reply to Peter’s astonished proclamation that the fig tree he cursed the day before had withered to its roots (Mark 11:20). Jesus was telling Peter and the other disciples they should not be astonished or even a little surprised. If they had faith in God, they should expect to see the fig tree withered. He continued his teaching using an object larger than the fig tree. “I say to you, whoever says to this mountain move into the sea,” then he qualified his statement, saying, “If you do not doubt in your heart.” (Mark 11:23).

Merriam-Webster defines doubt as calling into question the truth or a lack of confidence. The biblical definition of “doubt” in Mark 11:23 is the Greek word *diakrino*. It means to separate thoroughly or to withdraw from and be in opposition. There is a vast difference between these definitions. The former is man’s thoughts, while the latter is God’s thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9). Jesus was teaching his disciples not to withdrawal from what they say to stand in opposition to it.

Beloved, faith in God is the substance of what we hope to receive. Doubt in our hearts thoroughly separates us from faith. We withdrawal from faith to stand in opposition to it. Doubt is a pin

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that burst our brilliantly colored hopefulness to receive what we ask. The pin is the words of doubt we speak, which enter our spirit heart.

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