



L.E.A.D. TRAINING

A Walk-Through Philippians part 1 – *Faith and Doubt*

Lesson Objective:

- To fully understand how faith and doubt are the opposite forces that can either move us closer or further away from His perfect plan for our lives.

VERSE OF THE WEEK

Philippians 1:6

“...being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;”

QUESTION:

- What has He begun?

ANSWER:

- A **GOOD** work in you.

QUESTION:

- What is he trying to complete?

Answer:

- A **GOOD** work in you.

QUESTION:

- What is the most important word in this verse?

ANSWER:

- **Will** - He **WILL** complete it all the way up until the day Yeshua returns.

QUESTION:

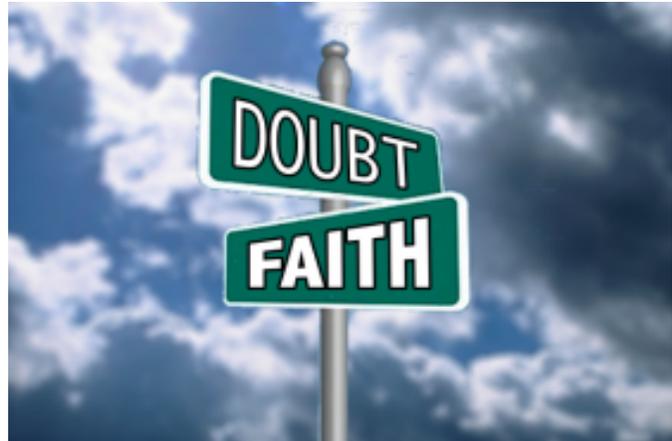
- What is the opposite of confidence?

ANSWER:

- Doubt

QUESTION:

- What happens when we doubt about what God is doing in us?



James 1:6

But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

YHWH desires us to trust Him and to realize that it is not about the destination. It is about the development of our nature along the way.

Matthew 14:25-32

²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." ²⁹ So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me! ³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

DISCUSSION:

What can we learn from Peter's mistake? Have you ever been afraid because of what you see around you and begin to sink in doubt?

Our closeness to YHWH is directly related to our faith during a storm.

Isaiah 41:10

*Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am your God.
I will strengthen you,
Yes, I will help you,
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'*

John 20:27

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."

Thomas is the least of the disciples because he had to touch and see in order to believe. His spirit-man was so small he couldn't see with his real eyes what was right in front of him.

QUESTION:

- When did Thomas have doubt?

ANSWER:

- Thomas had doubt long before that moment. A seed of doubt is always planted by the adversary before the crisis begins. The crisis only waters it to spring forth the doubt. This is why we prepare for a crisis by increasing our spirit-man now by faith.

Proverbs 3:5-6

*⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding.*

*⁶ In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.*



He SHALL direct the path of those who stop trying to figure it all out themselves and completely trust Him in the situations of life.

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

We don't know. HE knows the plans for us. And because no man can truly know the mind of God (For His ways are higher than our ways - Isaiah. 55:8-9), we trust His plans because we know they are for our good.

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

FAITH is the substance, not the situational result that we see with our own eyes. What we see is not the end, and therefore is not truly *real* in eternity. *Faith* is the *only* thing that is *real* in His realm. *Faith IS Truth* because He is Truth and our faith is in Him. Therefore, faith is the only connection that we have to His realm that allows His realm to come to ours. Faith is the pipe that allows His water to flow freely to us.

Luke 1:18-20

¹⁸ And Zacharias said to the angel, "How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is well advanced in years." ¹⁹ And the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ²⁰ But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place because you did not believe my words which will be fulfilled in their own time."

QUESTION:

- What is the consequence of not having faith and not believing what He is doing around us and through us?

ANSWER:

- He further takes away our eyesight because that is what is in the way. The more we lean on our own understanding and eyesight, the more He will diminish them so we can start to see with the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 5:7

- *For we walk by faith, not by sight.*

Psalms 46:10

*Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!*

Be STILL! This is so difficult when things are going wrong. We love to do things, fix things, and make things in our image with our hands. But sometimes, we just need to be silent and wait for Him to reveal the solution. Sometimes we find ourselves standing in front of an ocean that we know we have to cross. So, we start swimming because we see with our own eyes that there is no other way. Then a boat comes while we are a mile out, surrounded by sharks, and almost about to drown. We missed our miracle because we did not know how to "be still and know" that He is God.

Matthew 21:18-22

¹⁸ Now in the morning, as He returned to the city, He was hungry. ¹⁹ And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, "Let no fruit grow on you ever again." Immediately the fig tree withered away. ²⁰ And when the disciples saw it, they marveled, saying, "How did the fig tree wither away so soon?" ²¹ So Jesus answered and said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' it will be done. ²² And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."



QUESTION: What is the overall point and principle teaching that Yeshua is trying to convey to His disciples?

ANSWER: Simply that they have no idea how powerful faith actually is. It bends reality in our world. It can change the laws of science and bring the laws of heaven directly to earth.

Isaiah 45:6-13

That they may know from the rising of the sun to its setting. That there is none besides Me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; ⁷ I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the LORD, do all these things. ⁸ "Rain down, you heavens, from above, And let the skies pour down

righteousness; Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation, And let righteousness spring up together. I, the LORD, have created it. ⁹ "Woe to him who strives with his Maker! Let the potsherd strive with the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him who forms it, 'What are you making?' Or shall your handiwork say, 'He has no hands'? ¹⁰ Woe to him who says to his father, 'What are you begetting?' Or to the woman, 'What have you brought forth?' " ¹¹ Thus says the LORD, The Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: "Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons; And concerning the work of My hands, you command Me. ¹² I have made the earth, And created man on it. I—My hands—stretched out the heavens, And all their host I have commanded. ¹³ I have raised him up in righteousness, And I will direct all his ways; He shall build My city And let My exiles go free, Not for price nor reward," Says the LORD of hosts.

The people of God were confused and angry at their situation. They saw a foreign king that had held them captive now being blessed by THEIR God. They could only opine based on what they could see, but they didn't have the full story. It would be the blessings that YHWH would bestow on King Cyrus that would cause the king to free them and bring about their very dreams to come true!

TAKEAWAYS:

- Sometimes the fastest route through the mountain range is to tunnel directly through the mountain itself. Trust Him when you're in the dark. Sometimes it's the safest place you can be.
- If you are not in sin and you find yourself faced with an insurmountable situation, it is *not* your problem. ***It is His.*** So, trust Him with it and just look for how He wants to use you in it.
- Doubting things that God has done in your life will lead you to sink into despair.
- Understanding that your faith, in any given situation, is reality in His realm and not the situation itself. Even if the child dies, we know His plans are perfect and He knows best.

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