

FAITH AND UNBELIEF:

Learning to Doubt Your Doubts

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"Our belief is weak but who we believe in is strong."

Barnabas Piper

I. THERE ARE TENSIONS THAT EXIST IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

- A. Help My Unbelief.
- B. These are not impossibilities and contradictions, but things that are difficult to understand.



II. THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF "DOUBT."

- A. Unbelieving Doubt.
- B. Believing Doubt.



"It is so hard to believe because it is so hard to obey."

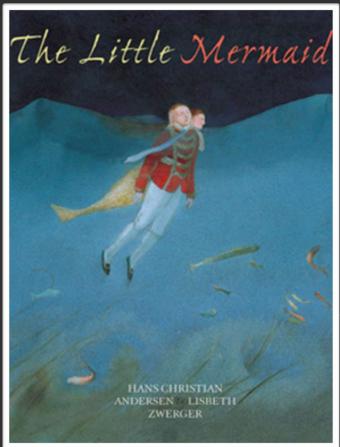
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III. OBEDIENCE IS BELIEF IN ACTION.

- A. Unbelief is expressed in disobedience to God.
- B. Obedience is difficult.
- C. There is peace and joy in living the life that we were designed to live.







"What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth."

I Corinthians 3:5-7

IV. HOW DO WE BELIEVE?

- A. Belief is a process.
- B. We believe with a child like faith.



"At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" 2 And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them 3 and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

4 Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:1-4

"Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it."

Psalm 139:6