



“Overcoming Doubt”

1. READ

Scripture: Matthew 11: 1-6 New King James Version (NKJV)

11 Now it came to pass, when Jesus finished commanding His twelve disciples, that He departed from there to teach and to preach in their cities.

² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?”

⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ *The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* ⁶ And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me

Scripture: Psalms 13:1-4 New King James Version (NKJV)

, “How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide Your face from me? ² How long shall I take counsel in my soul, *Having* sorrow in my heart daily? How long will my enemy be exalted over me? ³ Consider *and* hear me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, Lest I sleep the *sleep of death*; ⁴ Lest my enemy say, “I have prevailed against him”; *Lest* those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

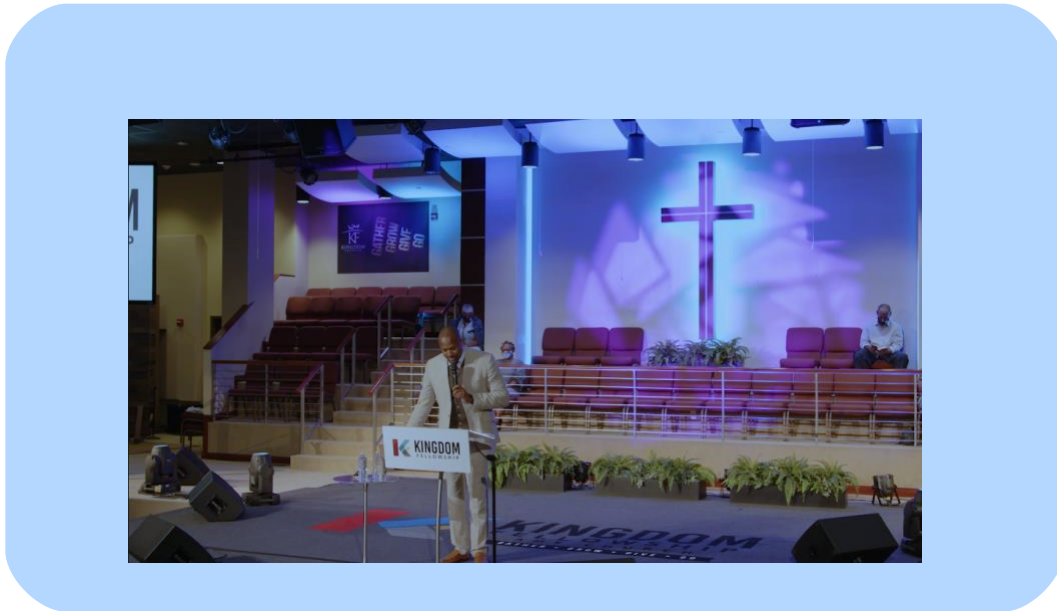




Suggested Chapters to Study This Week: Matthew 11; Psalm 13; Psalm 27

2. REFLECT

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On this second week of August, as we continue in our August Preaching Series. We have Rev. Dr. Robert Turner as our guest preacher today. Dr. Turner is the Senior Pastor of the Historic Vernon AME Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Today's sermon title is "Overcoming Doubt," using Matthew 11: 1-6 from the New King James Version of the Bible. Dr. Turner is encouraging us in this sermon on ways to overcome doubt. He explains in his introduction that doubt is something that our society has to deal with and that this doubt isn't based on fact. This doubt comes from those who specialize in creating doubt, but we need to focus on them and onto Jesus. Dr. Turner outlines several people throughout the Bible who had to deal with doubt:

- Abraham had doubt with God (Genesis 15)
- Thomas the disciple had doubt with Jesus (John 20:24-29)
- David listed his doubts in (Psalm 13:1-4)



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Dr. Turner reminds us that this is David, who beat Goliath and was known as a man after God’s own heart. David might have been dealing with depression based on this scripture, but Dr. Turner tells us that we could also have them if they had doubts. However, while we will always have some doubts, we will always look to Jesus, who died for us on the Cross. In this scripture, Dr Turner gives us some points to deal with doubts:

1. Don’t be afraid to ask questions of Jesus.
2. Don’t be afraid to wait for the reply.
3. Look at what Jesus has already done.

As we overcome our doubts, we have to trust in the power and the authority of Jesus Christ because He has already done it for us.



1. RESPOND

Introspective Questions

- ï **When was the last time you had to trust God through the doubts?**
- ï **Who in your life can you speak with to encourage you about your doubts?**

Discussion Questions

- ï **What do you think was the response of those around John when the Word came from Jesus?**
- ï **Why do you think Jesus ended the scripture with blessed is he who is not offended by Me?**

