

PASSIONATELY

CRIBBIAN



DOUBTERS WELCOME



FRUSTRATION
Tired
PAIN
SUFFERING
GRIEF
STOP
MISS
Sorrow
Depression



LIVING PASSIONATELY

Means you tend to get vested

Means you often get set up for a huge disappointment

When you are passionate but get let down you become a skeptic

Trust is not an easy thing to give because you are afraid of getting hurt

You try your best to make plans and backup plans to protect yourself



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LIVING PASSIONATELY

Ultimately if you are going to seek
great heights you set yourself
up for fantastic falls

THUD!



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John the Baptist

CONFUSED

DOUBT'N'G

(Matthew 11:11-15)



WHO IS HE?

This was the man that angels foretold about (Luke 1:5-23)

He was a powerful preacher (Matthew 3:1-3)

His faith set new fashion trends and redefined fellowship supper (Matthew 3:4)

This was the man that baptized Jesus (Matthew 3:13)

He that made the bold proclamation (John 1:29)

This is the man that went to prison for his bold faith (Matthew 4:12)



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HIM

He had Doubts?

YES!



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THE DOUBTING MOMENT

After Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in the towns of Galilee. When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

Matthew 11:1-3



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JESUS EXPECTATIONS

Those Expectations did not include prison

They certainly did not include being beheaded

John is sitting in his cold, dark and damp
prison cell

He is thinking of all the time
and energy he put
into this Jesus thing

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A small silhouette of a person sitting on the floor next to a large question mark.

FORGOTTEN!



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WHAT ABOUT ME?

Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

Matthew 19:27



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JOHN'S CONTRIBUTION

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.

Matthew 11:7-10

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A person is sitting on the ground next to a large, stylized question mark. The person is looking up at the question mark. The background is dark and textured.

JOHN'S CONTRIBUTION

Without John, Jesus can't be Jesus

**To be the Messiah Jesus had to meet all the
Old Testament prophecies**

**And well one of those prophecies was indeed
about John's ministry (Malachi 4:5-6)**



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DEALING WITH THE DOUBT

Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The 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. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

Matthew 11:4-6



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DEALING WITH THE DOUBT

Freedom was not John's
problem it was perspective



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PERSPECTIVE

**Sometimes when you are trapped in you doubt
cell you just loose perspective**

You can't see past your own nose

**You are sure the world is falling apart, and
God went on vacation**



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PERSPECTIVE

Lives were being healed

Death was being conquered

The gospel is spreading



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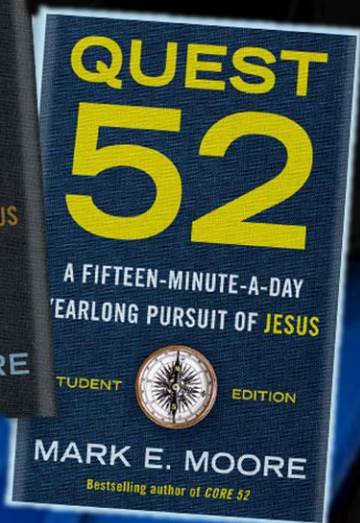
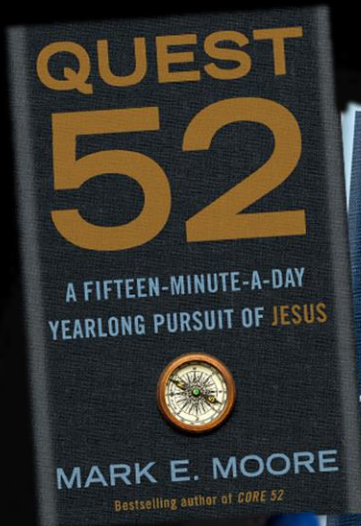
PERSPECTIVE

**Don't focus on me the person,
focus on the mission of God**

***“Blessed is anyone who does not
stumble on account of me.”***



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QUEST 52

A FIFTEEN-MINUTE-A-DAY
YEARLONG PURSUIT OF JESUS

Starts October 16th

**Doubt, better to ask for the key
than wallow in the cell**

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