

DOUBTERS WELCOME



FRUSTRATION
Tired
PAIN
SUFFERING
GRIEF
STOP
SADNESS
Depression
Sorrow



THE LACK OF ACCEPTANCE

Remember Jesus' Parables of the Soils
(Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:1-15)

In it there is one good soil that....

Accepts the seeds

Grows the plant

There are three soil that were just not ready



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THE LACK OF ACCEPTANCE

**Remember Jesus' Parables of the Soils
(Matthew 13:1-23; Mark 4:1-20; Luke 8:1-15)**

One was so packed down it failed to accept

**One accepted but it could not sustain because
underneath there was nothing**

**One accepted but then those pesky weeds
came along and choked out the plant**



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PRECONCEIVED

NOTION



PRECONCEIVED NOTION

Today we meet the hard packed soil

His doubts had nothing to do with questions or lack of belief

His problem is he believed the wrong thing

He was extremely sincere in his belief, he was just sincerely wrong!



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Saul/Paul

CONVINCED

DOUBTER

(Acts 9:3-6)



WHO IS HE?

He is the one that wrote “for to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”

Everything Paul did he did whole heartedly

That sold out mentality is good if you are sold out to the right thing

But bad if you are sold out to the wrong thing

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

SAUL OF TARSUS

Pharisee

He was part of the Sanhedrin

He had no interest in Jesus

He became the main advisory in persecution of the church (Acts 8:1-3)



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THE APOSTLE PAUL

He is the GOAT when it comes to living the Christian life

He became the best evangelist the world would ever see

He planted numerous churches

He led countless to Christ

13 books of the Bible

He was handpicked to by Jesus to be
the messenger to the gentiles
(Acts 9:15)

DOUBT

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DEALING WITH HIS DOUBTS

As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Acts 9:3-6

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DEALING WITH HIS DOUBTS

Saul had already made up his mind about Jesus

A Personal Attack

A Point-Blank Question

“Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?”

Jesus called him by name

Jesus took the attack on his church
personal



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THE QUESTION

“Who are you, Lord?”

THE ANSWER

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EVERYTHING

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TIME TO THINK

Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes, he could see nothing. So, they led him by the hand into Damascus. For three days he was blind and did not eat or drink anything.

Acts 9:8-9

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A man in a white shirt and dark pants is sitting on the floor, looking up at a large, glowing question mark. The scene is dimly lit, with a spotlight effect on the man and the question mark.

DEALING WITH HIS DOUBTS

Jesus just leveled his entire world and now he leaves him in darkness, that almost seems cruel

But remember we are dealing with some hard soil

Paul can do nothing but just sit for three days

Replaying every moment

Calling to memory every scripture

Asking the questions over
and over

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WHAT NEXT?

Will he leave me blind

Will his followers come and crucify me

If I make it out of this alive, how can I ever go back to doing what I was doing?

JESUS IS ALIVE

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HIS ROLE IN JESUS' MINISTRY

Saul of Tarsus becomes the
Apostle Paul and turns the world
upside down for Jesus.

THAT'S WHAT
CONVINCED PEOPLE DO!



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HIS ROLE IN JESUS' MINISTRY

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

1 Timothy 1:15-16

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HOPED

NEVER say NEVER



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SOMEBODY HAD TO GO!

Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Acts 9:17-19

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**Convincing the Convinced
means dealing with a lack of doubt**

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