


## Doubt vs. Unbelief

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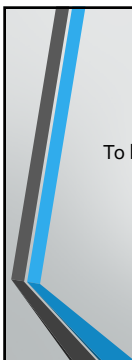
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## Definition of DOUBT

To be uncertain or skeptical about; be undecided about.



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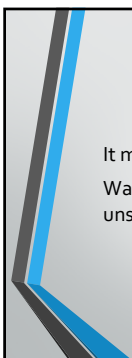
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## Greek word, *distazo*

It means to waver.  
Waver means to show indecision, to vacillate, to become unsteady, to falter.



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### What is DOUBT?

Doubt is a matter of the mind. We don't understand what God is doing or why He is doing it.




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### Matthew 14:28-31

*"And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.' So He said, 'Come.' And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out saying, 'Lord, save me!' And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'"*




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### Fun Facts

Sight is the most important. We perceive up to 80% of all impressions by means of our sight. Our eyes are composed of more than two million working parts. They can instantaneously set in motion hundreds of muscles and organs in your body.  
Second to Sight is Hearing.




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### Peter

Peter comes from the Greek word "Petros" which means "rock".




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G. Campbell Morgan said, "If you believe in God, you sometimes wonder why He allows certain things to happen. But keep in mind that there's a difference between doubt and unbelief... Unbelief is an act of will, while doubt is born out of a troubled mind and a broken heart."




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### Definition of UNBELIEF

Lack of belief or faith. It is the opposite of faith.




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Greek word, *apistia*

It means faithlessness, distrust, or disobedience.




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In Pastor Greg Laurie's article, he says  
 "Unbelief is a choice. Unbelief says, 'I hear what you are saying, and I choose not to believe it. I reject what you are saying altogether.'" Unbelief is a matter of the will. It is refusing to believe God's Word."




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Matthew 17:14-21

*"And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, 'Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.'"*




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(cont'd) Matthew 17:14-21

*"Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me." And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour."*




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(cont'd) Matthew 17:14-21

*"Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting."*




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Luke 17:5-6

*"And the apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." So the Lord said, "If you have faith a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*




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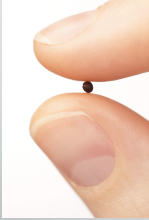
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### Fun Fact

A mustard seed measures 1 – 2 millimeters in diameter.

Mustard bushes can grow anywhere from 6 to 20 feet high.

Potato and vegetable farmers grow mustard bushes to suppress weeds and diseases.

Mustard bushes grow so vigorously that any weeds around are smothered into submission.



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