

NAVIGATING THE TENSION

(Mark 9)

- I. There are many additional areas that support our faith.
- II. Jesus responds to doubt with compassion and authority
 - A. With the tension between faith and doubt, the most important word is "AND."
 - B. "Doubts are ants in the pants of faith; they keep it awake and moving."
 - C. Christ-followers can feel doubt, but then choose to trust God.
- III. How do we thrive in this tension?
 - A. Trust Jesus with our doubts.
 - o Prayer is medicine for unbelief.
 - o When belief and unbelief collide, let's turn to the one our belief comes from.
 - B. Trust mature Christ-followers with our doubts.
 - o Doubt by itself isn't always the enemy to faith, but unexpressed doubt is.
 - o Talk to someone safe.
 - o We are most vulnerable when we are alone.

Let us grasp moments of doubt as a purifying fire that drive us to deeper faith!