

Sermon Outline  
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**New Series beginning next week: Room for Doubt**

1. Is It Normal to Have Doubts?
2. Is God Really Necessary?
3. Isn't the Bible Full of Myths and Mistakes?
4. Why Is Jesus Such a Big Deal?
5. Why Would God Allow Tragedy and Suffering?

\* Life is not an \_\_\_\_\_. It's a \_\_\_\_\_.

\* So you can replace "\_\_\_\_\_ to" with "\_\_\_\_\_ to."

**A Long Obedience in the Same Direction**

\* New is nice but the newness doesn't last \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

**Romans 7:21** - So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

\* It's easier to become a Christian that it is to \_\_\_ one.

**Matthew 13:20-21** - The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

\* Our faith journey is a \_\_\_\_\_ obedience in the \_\_\_\_\_ direction.

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

**Three Recommendations:**

1. Instead of resolutions, make \_\_\_\_\_.

\* But before you make a commitment, make sure you understand the "\_\_\_\_\_" and have counted the cost.

\* You won't do it \_\_\_\_\_.

*\* Failure is an event Satan would like you to take on as an identity.*

**Lamentations 3:22-23a** - Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

*\* God hopes we'll develop a greater fear of inaction than of failure. – Bob Goff*

2. Expect obstacles, distractions and \_\_\_\_\_.

**John 16:33a** - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble.

\* In case you haven't noticed, life always seems to be pushing us \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 8:14** - The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

3. Pursue and \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Peter 1:5a** - For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith...

\* Practice healthy \_\_\_\_\_ and stick to them.

*\* Whenever you get "that sinking feeling" it's likely because you're more focused on the circumstances around you than the Savior who is over you.*

**John 16:33** - I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. **But take heart! I have overcome the world.**

\* A healthy spiritual rhythm for life will include:

1. A connection with God through His \_\_\_\_\_ and prayer.

2. A connection with God's \_\_\_\_\_ in community.

3. A connection with God's \_\_\_\_\_ in service.