



Welcome!

SERIES: I Doubt It

Today's Message: No Doubt About It
Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

PRAYER: Eternal God, we stand in awe today as the heavens above clearly declare Your eternal glory and the vastness of Your power. We acknowledge that every sunrise and star-filled night serves as an undeniable witness to Your handiwork and Your divine existence. Though the stars speak without words, we hear their silent testimony reaching across the earth to remind us that You are present and sovereign. May our hearts remain open to this constant revelation, finding confidence in the truth that Your creation points us back to You. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Looking at the vast beauty and precision of the world around us, what is one specific thing in nature that makes it impossible for you to doubt the existence of a Creator?

INTRODUCTION: In all honest faith, there is some real doubt. So often we discourage people from expressing their doubts or shame people because they have doubts. But the truth is, even the strongest believers (*in scripture and in life*) had doubts, and those doubts are what we're going to dive into on a deeper level in this series. Whether you call yourself a believer or not, this series is for you. It is for those of us who believe, but who also find ourselves saying, "Lord, help my unbelief!" It is also for those who don't believe because of their doubts. Doubts unexpressed are doubts unaddressed.

SCRIPTURE: Read Psalm 19:1-4 (NRSV): The heavens are telling the glory of God, and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. ² Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; ⁴ yet their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the world.

DISCUSSION:

1. **What stood out in the message?** What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message?
2. **The Quiet Proclamation:** Nature communicates the reality of God without saying a single audible word. When you look at the complexity of the world—from the vastness of the stars to the intricate design of a leaf—does it feel like a "silent speech" to you? Describe a specific moment in nature where you felt God's presence was undeniable.
3. **Breaking the Routine:** We often live our lives looking down at screens, sidewalks, or to-do lists. How would your daily stress or perspective change if you made a habit of "looking up" to acknowledge the Creator's handiwork? What is one practical way you can "behold the heavens" this week to remind yourself that God is in control?



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4. **The Evidence of Design:** Some people argue that the universe is the result of random chance, but Psalm 19 suggests it is a deliberate “proclamation.” When you encounter someone who doubts the existence of God, how does the order and beauty of the physical world provide you with a “reason for the hope that you have?”
5. **Personal Accountability:** If the entire universe is constantly “pouring forth speech” about God’s glory, it implies that God wants to be known by us. If God is so clearly making himself known through what he has made, what is our responsibility in responding to that revelation? Does it change how you view your purpose in life?

CHALLENGE: Step outside for two minutes of complete silence this week to observe the sky or the environment, then share one “glory of God” you noticed that you usually overlook with a family member, a co-worker or a friend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at www.myspbc.org. You can also “find, follow and like” our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/myspbc. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g. answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.

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EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177
EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies)
EMAIL: ecare@myspbc.org.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call)
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CALL: 804.643.6177
EMAIL: Barnabas@myspbc.org.

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