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**A CONVERSATION KIT ON**

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## I - DOUBT DEFINED

What does faith mean to you?

Doubt is not the opposite of faith nor is it the same as unbelief. Doubt is a state of mind in suspension between faith and unbelief so that it is neither of them wholly and it is each only partly.

- Os Guinness

The unexamined life is not worth living.

- Plato

## II - UNCOMFORTABLE DOUBT

Doubt is an uncomfortable condition, but certainty is a ridiculous one.

- Voltaire

What do you do when you doubt?

Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

John 20:29

## III - RIDICULOUS CERTAINTY

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.

Matt. 7:7-8

Do you feel like there's space inside of Christian faith to doubt?

...The danger of holding something to be essential to one's faith is that when that essential belief is called into question, the whole edifice, not just that belief, begins to destabilize.

- Michael Hakmin Lee

## IV - FAITH DEFINED

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

Is doubt a requirement for faith? Is faith incomplete without doubt?

It is not as a child that I believe and confess Christ. My hosanna is born out of a furnace of doubt.

- Fyodor Dostoyevsky