

**Sermon Notes – June 19, 2016**  
**“Beyond the Shadow of a Doubt”**  
**Genesis 15:1-6**  
**(and selected passages)**  
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Each of the following passages contains a different Greek word that the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible translates as “doubt.” Reading some of the surrounding verses for context, put into your own words the sense of “doubt” in each:

- James 1:6 (diakrino)
- Matthew 14:31 (distaso)
- Luke 24:38 (dialogizomai)

Not all doubts are of the same character or have the same source. What are some kinds and causes of doubt for people you know? For yourself?

Consider: a) the father in Mark 9:19-24, b) John the Baptist in Luke 7:18-30, and c) Abram in Genesis 15:1-6.

- Would you generally characterize these men as people of faith or unbelievers?
- What are the reasons for the doubts of each?
- How, for each, does their acknowledgment of their doubts to God/Jesus open the door for greater faith?