

A photograph of a sandy dune with tall grasses. The grasses are green and yellow, and their long shadows are cast across the sand. The sky is blue with some clouds. The text "Why do we Waver in our Faith?" is overlaid in yellow.

# Why do we Waver in our Faith?

**FAITH:** the conviction that God will do as he promised.

## The Meaning of Wavering Faith

*Temporarily doubting God's plan or involvement in our plans is not in itself the sin, God knows we don't understand all the things we face. Our faith should be the bridge that gets us over this momentary wrong thinking.*

James 1:1-8 KJV

[1] James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting. [2] My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; [3] Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. [4] But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. [5] If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. [6] But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. [7] For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. [8] A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

## The Causes of Wavering Doubt:

### **1. HUMAN REASONING**

a solution may not seem possible or God's solution may not seem to make sense to us because of our limited foresight.

### **2. FEELINGS**

inadequacies, incapable, not able to do the task, etc..

### **3. FAILURE TO SEE GOD IN THE SITUATION**

we see our situation as "all up to us to fix" or some personal attack against us.

### **4. NEGATIVE COUNSEL**

friends or acquaintances can try and talk us away from what God wants us to do because of their own motives or fears.

### **5. OVER FOCUSING ON OUR CIRCUMSTANCES**

we don't look to God and a bigger picture in our life regarding our specific circumstance. We over focus on the momentary situation itself and miss the message God is trying to tell us.

### **6. IGNORANT OF GOD'S WAYS**

we fail to see God's bigger involvement and seek immediate solutions.

### **7. GUILT**

we don't feel worthy because of past sins, we don't believe God forgives us.

### **8. LISTENING TO SATAN**

the devil lies and his purpose is always to lead us astray.

## Questions We Should Ask Ourselves:

1. Where do these doubts come from?
2. Has God ever failed me in the past?
3. Is God in total control in this?
4. Did he give me the Holy Spirit to enable me to deal with these things?
5. Did he promise me to be with me at all times?
6. Is there anything too hard for God?
7. Is this one of those forks in the road that I will regret not going God's way?

## Meditate on the word of God daily, unhurriedly

God never steers us wrong, we may not like what he wants us to do or feel comfortable doing it but it will always be for our benefit and afterwards, we will never regret obeying his ways.