

Our message today is by Pastor Andy Kumpel  
**Little Faith**

Scripture: Matthew 17:14-20

In a Christmas Eve letter to friend Arthur Greeves, Oxford don C.S. Lewis admitted his own poignant struggle with doubt. Wrote Lewis,

“I think the trouble with me is *lack of faith*. I have no *rational* ground for going back on the arguments that convinced me of God’s existence: but the irrational deadweight of my old skeptical habits, and the spirit of this age, and the cares of the day, steal away all my lively feeling of the truth, and often when I pray I wonder if I am not posting letters to a non-existent address. Mind you I don’t *think* so – the whole of my reasonable mind is convinced: but I often *feel* so.”

We are not alone in the struggle with faith and doubt as Jesus own disciples often shared this struggle. Those who saw Jesus perform miracles with their own eyes were still challenged with little faith. Today we examine some reasons for these struggles and look to God’s promises about how we can grow more steadfast in our faith.

**Symptoms of Little Faith**

- I’m \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 6:30
- I’m \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 8:26
- I can’t \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 14:31
- I don’t \_\_\_\_\_ as God \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 17:20

**Remedies for Little Faith**

- Recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ my faith.
- Move my focus from the doubting \_\_\_\_\_ toward our \_\_\_\_\_ .
- Fully \_\_\_\_\_ my faith in all \_\_\_\_\_ of life.

I’m grateful to theologian Alister McGrath who helped to prepare this sermon with his book  
*Doubting: Growing Through the Uncertainties of Faith.*