**5/26/24 Hard Times Can Make Anyone Doubt What They Know is Truth!**

**Matthew 11:1-15**

* In our Christian walk of life we should always be working on those things that help us to grow in our relationship with God.
* Satan counts on us reaching a point of over confidence.
* When we have joy in Jesus, we find a way to be okay in all circumstances.
* This joy that I have, the world didn’t give it, the world can’t take it away.

**1. God used a man named John to prepare the way for Jesus.**

* John the Baptist was sent from God to tell everyone about Jesus.
* Jesus said that there was none greater than John.
* Jesus was baptized by John to accomplish God’s mission.

**John 1:6-8, 3:30; Luke 7:28; Mark 1:9-11; Matthew 3:13-15**

**2. Doubt can get to the best of us.**

* One of Satan’s greatest weapons is the seed of doubt.
* John doubted Jesus when the circumstances of his life didn't match what he expected to happen.
* While John was imprisoned, he sent two of his disciples to ask Jesus if He was really the Messiah or should they keep looking for someone else.
* Jesus told John’s disciples to go back and tell him what they had seen and heard.

**Matthew 3:1-3, 11:1-6, 14:3-4; Mark 6:17-20; Isaiah 40:3**

**3. We should let Jesus’ Word confirm who we are.**

* In the end, will we hear “Well done, thou good and faithful servant?”
* After John’s disciples left, Jesus began talking about John to the crowds.
* John was recognized as the forerunner of the Savior and technically the last of the Old Testament prophets.
* In God’s coming Kingdom, all members would have a greater spiritual heritage than John, because they would have seen and known Christ and His finished work on the cross.

**Matthew 11:7-15, 25:21**