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Static vs. Dynamic
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Anybody out there like to rock climb? While I may not look it I really love to climb things! When I started to get serious about climbing I had to learn a few things. I had to learn about different harnesses, carabiners, and even about rope. One thing I learned was that there are two types of climbing rope: static and dynamic. The static rope is thicker and can hold a great deal of weight. The dynamic is more flexible and stretches. Both have their uses yet only one is suitable for use on the actual climber.

In Luke 7:18 we find John the Baptist in prison due to the fact he had a habit of proclaiming the Word of God truthfully to all he met (whether it was to the religious people or kings and queens). Due to his circumstances he begins to doubt whether he made a mistake in proclaiming Jesus as the Promised One who was to set the captives free (John in prison after all). So he sends two buddies to go ask Jesus whether He is truly the One. Many of us can resonate with John's predicament. Life is tough and things go bad quick. When that happens we fall to our faces and begin to wonder if God is really there and what His involvement is in all this. While this is natural many seem to downplay the role of doubt in the life of the Christian.

Oswald Chambers said: "Doubt is not always a sign that a man is wrong, it may be a sign that he is thinking." Doubt occurs when someone is struggling with the circumstances that conflict with their core beliefs. It's a crisis of belief that will later become a defining moment in the person's life. Remember the rope discussion? The most useful rope is the dynamic rope. If a person were to fall while using a static rope they would end up with some severe injuries because that rope is inflexible and does not stretch at all. However the dynamic rope will absorb more impact and protect the climber from a fall.

Our faith must be like that dynamic rope. We must be willing to wrestle with doubts and situations that come our way. Then we will find that our faith has held strong because what we hope in is true and will never fail us. If we refuse to question, to ask, and yes even doubt, our faith will be like that static rope that is stiff and possibly even dangerous. Our God is a big God and He can handle any question or scrutiny we put to Him. I've spent my whole life questioning and while I do not know all the answers, I do know this rope will not break.

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