Series: Ready to Answer

Lesson: 2 - Is There Good Evidence for My Faith?

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- 1. Is it OK to give evidence for faith?
 - a. II Corinthians 5:7 "We live by faith, not by sight"
 - b. The example of Thomas, who doubted until he saw Jesus with his own eyes.

 Jesus said to him in John 20:29, "Because you have seen Me, have you
 believed? Blessed are they who did not see, and yet believed."
- 2. If there is good evidence for Christianity, why do I have occasional doubts? What Triggers Doubt?
 - a. The Unseen
 - b. The Unfamiliar
 - c. The Controversial
 - d. The Time-Critical
 - e. The Demanding
- 3. Now that we understand these doubt-triggers, we can understand why doubt about our faith occasionally arises even when the evidence is very good.
 - a. Is faith about the unseen?
 - b. Is faith about the unfamiliar?
 - c. Is faith about the controversial?
 - d. Are faith-decisions time-critical?
 - e. Is faith demanding?
- 4. When I have doubts, does that mean I'm losing my faith?
 - a. James 1:6 says "he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind."
 - b. The faith of Abraham.
 - i. Romans 4:18-21.
 - ii. Genesis 17:17-18
- 5. Summary: Occasional doubts are a normal part of the life of faith. What the Bible condemns most strongly is when my doubts become an excuse to stop being faithful.