



## THE SINS OF CERTAINTY Part 1: "The Seduction of Certainty"

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### I'M ATTRACTED TO CERTAINTY BECAUSE HAVING THE "RIGHT" ANSWERS & BELIEFS MAKES ME FEEL...

1. ...\_\_\_\_\_ IN A WORLD FULL OF \_\_\_\_\_.
2. ...\_\_\_\_\_ IN A WORLD FULL OF \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ...\_\_\_\_\_ IN A WORLD OF \_\_\_\_\_.

### CERTAINTY IS THE ENEMY OF MY FAITH BECAUSE...

1. ...CERTAINTY \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT I \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT GOD; FAITH \_\_\_\_\_ GOD DESPITE WHAT I \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father. That will be enough for us.' Jesus answered, 'Don't you know me, Philip? I have been among you such a long time! Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. So how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father? Don't you believe that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. The Father lives in me.*

*He is the one who is doing his work. Believe me when I say I am in the Father. Also believe that the Father is in me. Or at least believe what the works I have been doing say about me.”*

**John 14:8-11** (NIRV)

2. ...CERTAINTY BELIEVES I'M SEEING THINGS FROM \_\_\_\_\_; FAITH KNOWS I CAN'T SEE PAST \_\_\_\_\_.

*“But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Don’t look at how handsome Eliab is or how tall he is, because I have not chosen him. God does not see the same way people see. People look at the outside of a person, but the Lord looks at the heart.’”*

**1 Samuel 16:7** (NCV)

*“Why do you notice the small piece of dust that is in your friend’s eye, but you don’t notice the big piece of wood that is in your own?”*

**Matthew 7:3** (ERV)

*“But I don’t consider your judgment on this point to be worth anything. Even an opinion from a court of law would mean nothing. I don’t even trust my own judgment. I don’t know of any wrong I have done, but that does not make me right. The Lord is the one who must decide if I have done well or not. So don’t judge anyone now. The time for judging will be when the Lord comes. He will shine light on everything that is now hidden in darkness. He will make known the secret purposes of our*

hearts. Then the praise each person should get will come from God."

**1 Corinthians 4:3-5** (ERV)

*"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,' says the Lord. 'And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts."*

**Isaiah 55:8-9** (NLT)

### 3. ...CERTAINTY RELIES ON WHAT

\_\_\_\_\_, FAITH  
THRIVES ON THAT  
WHICH \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Jesus said, 'Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!'"*

**John 20:29** (CEV)

*"So we do not look at the things that we can see in this world. Instead, we look at the things that people cannot see. The things that we can see are only here for a short time. But the things that we cannot see will continue forever."*

**2 Corinthians 4:18** (EASY)

*"Faith is the assurance of things you have hoped for, the absolute conviction that there are realities you've never seen."*

**Hebrews 11:1** (TVB)