Haunted by…doubt
Matthew 14:25-31
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Thesis: I want to show ways we can be haunted by doubt.

Intro:
1. There are different things in life a person may doubt.
2. Today, we will look at a few things that someone, for different reasons, may find themselves doubting.

I. Doubt in the power of the Gospel.
   A. Power to convict people of sin.
      1. The Gospel convicts men of sin (**Titus 1:9**)
      2. The gospel, the TRUE gospel can and does convict people (**Heb 4:12, 1 Cor 1:21**).
   B. Power to reach anyone.
      1. The truth changes people (**Gal 1:13-16a**)
      2. The power of God is in the gospel **(1 Cor 1:18**)

II. Doubt in God's love.
   A. God's love provides the path to salvation.
      1. God provides the path to salvation (**James 1:21, Psalm 16:11**)
      2. Man's path leads in the opposite direction (**Pro 4:14-17**)
   B. God's love provides the Christian with eternal rest.
      1. God provides a place of rest **(Rev 14:13**)
      2. It is a place prepared in specifically for faithful followers (**John 14:1-4**).

III. Doubt in God's wrath. (don't get to comfortable!)
   A. God's love does not allow sin.
      1. God loves righteousness & not sin (**2 Peter 3:9**)
      2. Just because God loves man, does not mean He will or does now overlook sin (**Ps 11:5**).
   B. God wrath comes upon unrighteous.
      1. Punishment of sin is a certainity (**Col 3:3-5**)
      2. No unrepented sin goes unpunished.

Application & Conclusion:
1. We may have doubts about various things in life, but we should not have doubts about God, His love or His wrath.
2. A humble repentant heart will bring comfort and remove doubt.
3. Full Invitation

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17
Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16
Repent –Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Luke 13:3
Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4
Live faithfully – Rev 2:10,

Christians must:
Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3
Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9