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Unmet expectations  
often trigger a crisis.

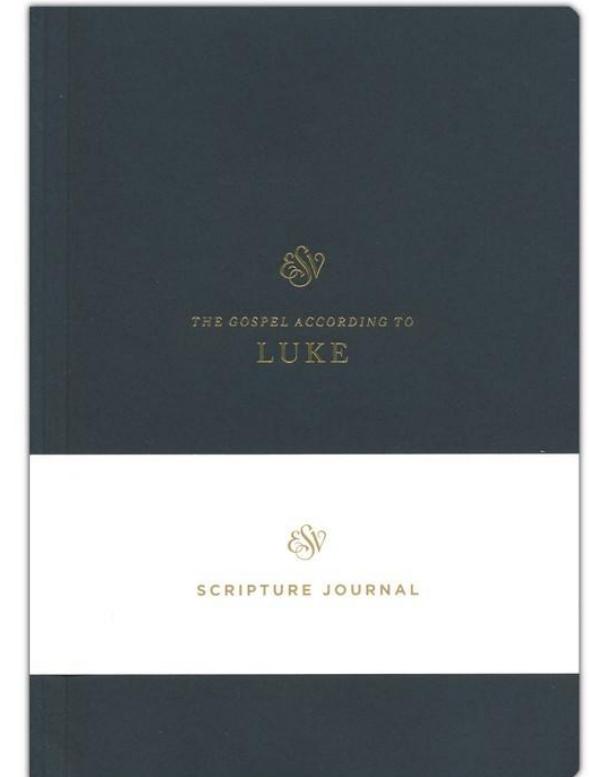
Doubt is birthed in  
the disappointment  
of failed expectations.

That space between  
what we hoped for and  
what we actually live  
through is holy ground.  
It is the space where  
spiritual giants are forged.

# Turn with us to LUKE 7:18-35

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Bible under your seat.

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# LUKE 7:18-35

<sup>18</sup> The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup> calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?”

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**20** And when the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?’”

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<sup>21</sup> In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup> And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard:

# LUKE 7:18-35

the blind receive their sight,  
the lame walk, lepers are  
cleansed, and the deaf hear, the  
dead are raised up, the poor  
have good news preached to  
them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is the one  
who is not offended by me.”

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**24 When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?**

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**25** What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts.

# LUKE 7:18-35

**26** What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

**27** This is he of whom it is written, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.”

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**28** I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

**29** (When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just,

# LUKE 7:18-35

having been baptized with the baptism of John,<sup>30</sup> but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

# LUKE 7:18-35

31 “To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? 32 They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

# LUKE 7:18-35

“We played the flute for you,  
and you did not dance;  
we sang a dirge, and  
you did not weep.’

# LUKE 7:18-35

**33** For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon.’  
**34** The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say,

# LUKE 7:18-35

‘Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’  
35 Yet wisdom is justified by all her children.”



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# LUKE 7:26-28a

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# LUKE 7:22

“Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them.”

# ISAIAH 35:5-6

**5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;**

# ISAIAH 35:5-6

**6** then shall the lame man  
leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the  
mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth  
in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert...

# ISAIAH 26:19

Your dead shall live;  
their bodies shall rise.  
You who dwell in the dust,  
awake and sing for joy!

# ISAIAH 29:18-19

**18** In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book,  
and out of their gloom  
and darkness the eyes  
of the blind shall see.

# ISAIAH 29:18-19

**19** The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the Lord, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

# ISAIAH 6:1

The Spirit of the  
Lord God is upon me,  
because the Lord  
has anointed me to bring  
good news to the poor;

# ISAIAH 6:1

he has sent me to bind up  
the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty  
to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison  
to those who are bound

# “The Parable of the Bratty Children”

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# LUKE 7:31-32

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We expect God to  
respond to our music.

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