**Series: The Human Side of Faith**

**Message: John the (Confused) Baptist**

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*“Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” – Jesus*

Paraphrase:**Blessed are you when you trust God enough to let Him run His business, in His way, and in His timing.**

***John 16:33***

*“In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

***Matthew 11:2-3 (NIV)***

*2When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples 3to ask him,* *“Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”*

***John 1:29, 34***

*29The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!*

*34I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”*

***Matthew 11:3***

*“Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”*

***Matthew 11:4-5***

*4Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: 5The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosyare cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.*

***Matthew 11:6***

*6Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”*

**You can take faith risks and leave the results to God.**

**You can rejoice when God chooses to bless others more than you.**

***John 21:21-22***

*21When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”*

*22Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return,* ***what is that to you? You must follow me.”***

**You can face life’s mysteries with peace, knowing that the One who holds the answers also holds you.**

***Daniel 3:17-18***

*17If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver usfrom Your Majesty’s hand. 18But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”*

***James 5:11***

*You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

***Luke 10:20***

*“…do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”*