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SERIES	Some heroes look better from a distance. Others – including a leader, a prime minister, a martyr, a boy, a bold woman and a man who lost everything – look better up close and personal. But no matter how you look at them, they’ve left epic legacies for us to examine as we create legacies of our own.

Even when doubt creeps in, we can leave a legacy of loving Jesus that overpowers our uncertainty.

1. Jared said “seeds of doubt grow in the soil of sorrow and disappointment.” Has a difficult circumstance ever caused you to doubt your convictions? How did God lead you through your situation?
2. Read James 1:5-8. What does this passage teach us about the effects of doubting? Does having doubt indicate a lack of faith? How do we reconcile these verses with the knowledge that other great spiritual leaders, like John the Baptist, doubted?
3. Read Luke 7:18-28. How does Jesus react to John the Baptist’s questioning? How do you think Jesus reacts to us when we bring our doubts to him?
4. Read Jude 1:22. How are we instructed to treat others during their own uncertainty and what are some practical ways to implement this passage?
5. Read Matthew 14:28-31. What is one cause of doubt described in this passage? What key to defeating doubt do we find in Matthew 21:21-22?
6. John the Baptist truly lived the statement “He must increase, but I must decrease.” Does concern over your image or reputation ever cause you to miss opportunities to advance God’s kingdom? What are some ways we can shift the focus from self to God?
7. Jared said “John’s circumstances and our circumstances in no way determine the value of Jesus.” John’s life and death certainly didn’t reflect worldly success, but he did help increase the kingdom of God. How do we combat the worldly view that, if we work hard and follow the rules, we are entitled earthly success in addition to expanding God’s kingdom?

Are you in a period of uncertainty right now? Pray together that, through the shadows of doubt, God will refocus your eyes to view the world in the light of Jesus.