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Facing Discouragement – Matthew 11:1-6

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When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities. ² Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” ⁴ And Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers^[a] are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. ⁶ And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

Inside the Text:

I. Discouragement is inevitable. (1-3)

A. Circumstances will change. (1-2)

B. Doubts will come. (3)

II. Hope is essential. (4-6)

A. Identify God’s work all around you. (4)

B. Refresh yourself in the sufficiency of Christ. (5-6)

Apply the Text:

- Identify the present source of your discouragement.
- Cast your burden on the Lord.
- Ask God to help you see His presence around you.
- Trust God with the outcome of your struggle.