

### **Shepherd Notes**

I hope you don't mind me using today's marathon as an opportunity to finish up last week's sermon. My main point from last week is that God has given us a gift called faith. But our heart often struggles to accept what our minds don't understand. Remember that doubting is not sinning. Doubt is good because God uses it to encourage us to examine the evidence of His existence and make faith our own. Hope you enjoy the message.

Always pulling for you.

Pastor Luis

### **Based on today's message how would you answer the following questions?**

1. What was the biggest challenge for you in 2017? What did you learn from it? What do you think you were supposed to learn from it? What are your biggest hopes for 2018?
  
2. Read Matthew 7:24-27 What is Jesus trying to teach us about faith and works? How might we apply this lesson to our lives this year?
  
3. As you think about defending your faith or sharing it with others what are some of your greatest fears and concerns? How can we as a small group help one another?
  
4. If you could ask God anything, what would it be? Would His answer determine whether or not you loved Him more or less? Why does this question matter?