

**DOUBTING GOD—1**

**DEALING WITH YOUR DOUBT**

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint. <sup>5</sup>Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. ...”

Matthew 28:1-6 NLT

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him—**but some of them doubted!**

Matthew 28:16-17 NLT

**Why Do You Doubt?**

- **Questions** you can’t answer
- **Situations** that seem unfair
- **Hurts** you can’t resolve

**“Your faith is a journey, not a destination.”**

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**The strongest faith isn’t a faith that never doubts.**

**The strongest faith is a faith that**

**grows through your doubts.**

*One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” ... John 20:24-25 NLT*

*They told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But [Thomas] replied, “I won’t believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side.” John 20:25 NLT*

**“Doubt is not always a sign that a man is wrong; it may be a sign that he is thinking.”**

**—Oswald Chambers**

*So then [Jesus] told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead <sup>15</sup>... let us go to him.” <sup>16</sup>Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”*

John 11:14-16 NIV

*Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!” <sup>28</sup>“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed. John 20:26-28 NLT*

**God is not distant in your doubts.**

**Faith isn’t the absence of doubt.**

**Faith is the means to push through it.**

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me ...*

Psalm 23:4 NKJV