

## **WHEN YOUR DOUBTS INTERFERE WITH YOUR FAITH**

Mat 14:24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

Mat 14:25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

Mat 14:26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

Mat 14:27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

Mat 14:28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

Mat 14:29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

Mat 14:30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

Mat 14:31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

Mat 14:32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

Mat 14:33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

### **The Biggest Battle We Have as Christians is the Constant Battle with our Faith**

1. We read about the miracles and healings in the Bible and we question our faith, and it's sometimes hard to visualize that God is a God of today and that he is the same yesterday today and forever.
2. One of the greatest battles that even the Old Testament Saints had was believing God for another miracle.

Psa 78:41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel.

Psa 78:42 They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

Psa 78:43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan:

**In the field of Zoan** -” So the Latin Vulgate. Zoan or Tanis was an ancient city of Lower Egypt, situated on the eastern side of the Tanitic arm of the Nile. The name given to it in the Egyptian language signified “**low region.**”

### **Israel’s Ungratefulness**

Psa 78:18 And they tempted God in their heart by asking meat for their lust.

Psa 78:19 Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness?

Psa 78:20 Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people?

Psa 78:21 Therefore the LORD heard *this*, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel;

Psa 78:22 **Because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation:**

Psa 78:23 Though he had commanded the clouds from above, and opened the doors of heaven,

Psa 78:24 And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn of heaven.

Psa 78:25 Man did eat angels' food: he sent them meat to the full.

### **Daily Loadeth us with Benefits**

Psa 68:19 Blessed *be* the Lord, *who* daily loadeth us *with benefits*, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

Lam 3:20 My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me.

Lam 3:21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.

Lam 3:22 *It is of* the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

Lam 3:23 *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness.

### **THE DISCIPLES WERE ALWAYS STRUGGLING WITH THEIR FAITH**

1. **John the Baptist:** After a powerful entrance into ministry, and the Baptizing of Jesus, None greater than John among the prophets. Yet he struggled with his faith.

Mat 11:2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,

Mat 11:3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

Mat 11:4 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and shew John again those things which ye do hear and see:

Mat 11:5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.

Mat 11:6 And blessed is *he*, whosoever shall not be offended in me.

## 2. At the Tomb of Lazarus:

Joh 11:2 (It was *that* Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

Joh 11:3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.

Joh 11:4 When Jesus heard *that*, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.

Joh 11:14 Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

Joh 11:15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

Joh 11:16 **Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellowdisciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.**

Joh 11:17 Then when Jesus came, he found that he had *lain* in the grave four days already.

Joh 11:19 And many of the Jews came to Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother.

Joh 11:20 Then Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: **but Mary sat *still* in the house.**

Joh 11:21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord, **if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.**

Joh 11:22 But I know, that even now, whatsoever thou wilt ask of God, God will give *it* thee.

Joh 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

Joh 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

Joh 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

Joh 11:26 **And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?**

Joh 11:27 She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world.

Joh 11:28 **And when she had so said, she went her way, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Master is come, and calleth for thee.**

**Joh 11:29 As soon as she heard *that*, she arose quickly, and came unto him.**

Joh 11:39 Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been *dead* four days.

Joh 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Joh 11:41 Then they took away the stone *from the place* where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up *his* eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.

Joh 11:42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said *it*, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.

Joh 11:43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth.

Joh 11:44 And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. **Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.**

### 3. Thomas:

Joh 20:25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

Joh 20:26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: *then* came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you.

Joh 20:27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust *it* into my side: and be not faithless, but believing.

Joh 20:28 And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God.

Joh 20:29 Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.

### **IT IS TIME TO NOT LET DOUBT AND UNBELIEF ENTERFEAR WITH YOUR FAITH**

Jer 33:3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

Joh 14:11 Believe me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Joh 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Joh 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, **I will do it.**

Isa 8:10 Take counsel together, and it shall come to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for God *is* with us.

Joh 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

Mat 8:6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented.

Mat 8:7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him.

Mat 8:8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.

Mat 8:9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this *man*, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.

Mat 8:10 When Jesus heard *it*, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.