

The Doubter

"Unknown by Name"



*"Doubt your doubts
before you doubt
your faith."
Uchtdorf*

*"And when they saw him they
worshipped him: but some
doubted."
Matt 28:17*

When things go wrong, we sometimes allow doubt to creep into our lives. That is very natural, and the disciples experienced the same thing. They had had a wonderful life with Christ. People were beginning to realize that this was really the long awaited Messiah, and people were being healed of life threatening diseases such as leprosy. They saw the man who had been lame from birth walking. They saw the blind man have his sight restored. Everything was wonderful. They had witnessed Christ riding into Jerusalem and being treated like a King.

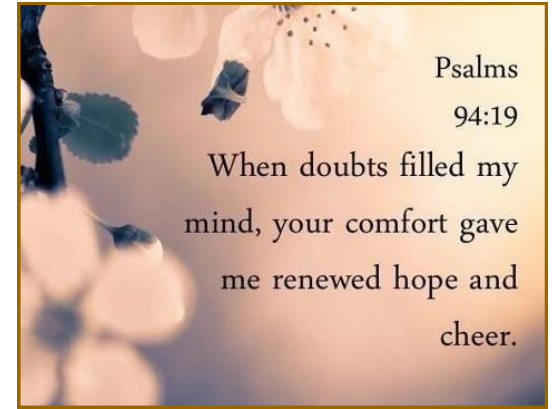
But then the tide turned and the authorities were upset because he was causing too much trouble. They felt threatened by him. Within a week after everyone was so happy, Christ told the disciples that he would be crucified, but they didn't believe him. Then it happened, and no one came to help stop it. Even the disciples were scared and ran.

They wondered how this could be.

Three days later Christ arose from the grave. The women who were there saw an angel who told them to go and tell the disciples. They were still in shock, I'm sure. And, they had to be scared for their lives. The authorities found out that Christ had risen from the grave as he had said, and the officials also realized they had lost. They needed to do something because people would really believe since Jesus had predicted that he would be raised from the dead, and he actually was. What next? They paid people to go around and say that it didn't happen. A real cover-up. They were told to say that the body had been stolen while they slept. There are still people today that don't believe Jesus was really the Christ. That is where our faith enters.

Even the disciples wondered, and the Bible tells us that some doubted. After all, Peter had been so scared for his life that he had denied even knowing who Jesus was before the crucifixion, or that he had ever been seen with him. Yet, Peter would become a very strong person in the new church as it grew. Now

*"God has perfect timing;
never early, never late.
It takes a little patience and it takes a
lot of faith.
But it's worth the wait."*



the association was even more dangerous. They were told to go to a certain place where they would see Jesus. Everyone knows that Thomas was the biggest doubter! But how about us? Do we ever doubt? But before we criticize Thomas whose name has become synonymous with doubting, we should remember that the others had seen Christ. Thomas was not there at that time. Maybe they would still have doubted just as we sometimes doubt when we don't understand how things are going.

There is a wonderful musical called Annie. Annie is an orphan adopted by a billionaire, Daddy Warbucks, who knows all the right people. Annie sings a song called "Tomorrow". She has been in an orphanage and now she is in a home where everything centers on her. She has the blind faith to trust these people. She has no idea who her parents are, but she knows that everything is great with Daddy Warbucks. She has faith in the people she is around and sings -

*"The sun'll come out tomorrow.
Bet your bottom dollar
That tomorrow there'll be sun!
Just thinkin' about tomorrow
Clears away the cobwebs,
And the sorrow Til there's none!
Tomorrow, tomorrow, I love ya To-
morrow
You're always a day a way!"*

Many of the early musicals demonstrated this faith that we have, but seldom express. The musicals and movies were often positive and can still be positive today. We can be positive. We don't have to doubt everything, but sometimes we get ourselves into that mind set. That is the time when we have to renew our faith and as we are told *"Mount up with wings like eagles, run and not get tired, walk and not become weary."* Isaiah 40:31

We take each day for granted. We pray for blessing each day, and have faith that the sun will come up each day. We have faith that God will provide with the rain and the sun. We have faith that we will have freedom. We have faith that God is always with us. But, we are also human and doubt at times when things go wrong.

Today, we are the disciples that doubt. We are also the disciples that need to spread the word about the love of Christ. There is no better way to do it than by our actions. And yet, sometimes we act like we don't have the faith, just like Thomas. We have been given a wonderful gift. And it is free!

*"Until you spread
your wings you will
have no idea how far
you can fly."*

-unknown

WORRYING
DOESN'T
CHANGE
ANYTHING,
BUT
TRUSTING
IN
GOD
CHANGES
EVERYTHING

"I can do

*all things through
Christ who
strengthens me."*

Dear Father, help us to have the faith of the mustard seed. Help us to show that faith to people we meet every day and not be afraid to tell how much Christ has done for us. Please strengthen our unbelief and guide as we go through the valleys because we know You are there with us every time if we just ask. Amen

1. Why do we doubt? Another person's influence? A situation?
2. Consider Thomas and his asking for definite proof. Do we ever ask for something we should not?
3. How can each of us answer the great commandment *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*?

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*"Never doubt in the
dark what God has
shown you
in the light."
Anonymous*