Dealing with Doubt

Greg Kline · John 20:24–31

INTRODUCTION

- One of the most difficult battles a Christian has or anyone has that just lives in this life with its ups and downs, is battling with doubt.
- We have to realize the only way to conquer, get around, eradicate our doubt, is to look, to see.

1 If Thomas Can Doubt, I Can Too

John 20:24–29; Matthew 4

- We have to stop and recognize that if Thomas can doubt, I can too.
- Unless I see it, unless I can put my hands on it, then I will never believe.
- You know how I know everyone has doubts? Because we all suffer with temptation to sin.
- Doubt may be normal, it may be understandable, but it has to be overcome.

2 The Resurrection Changes Everything

1 Peter 1:3–5; Hebrews 2

- Recognize that if Jesus is resurrected from the dead, that literally changes everything.
- We have been born again to a living hope. Through what? The resurrection of Jesus Christ.
- It is our hope that is the antidote to this doubt.
- Because Jesus lives, his death in my place stands. Because he was resurrected from the dead, I too can share in that resurrection.

3 Look Over the Wall: Proof of God Is Abundant

Romans 1:20; Matthew 2:1–6; Micah 5:2

- See that proof of God and his word is abundant. It is everywhere around us.
- These invisible attributes, namely his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world and the things that have been made.
- There was a prophecy that said the Christ would be born in Bethlehem.
- No one who is not God can choose where to be born.
- Recognize the Bible is a proof of God's power.

4 I Can Make a Difference

Hebrews 4:1–11

- One of them is to recognize I can make a difference.
- There remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God.
- God has a plan for you. And God has a plan for me to make a difference. But his plan for me isn't going to look like I think it should.

- I only have to do the possible because God has already done the impossible part.

5 I'm Not Too Far Gone for God

1 Timothy 1

- Perhaps you're familiar with the expression of Paul where he says, I am the chief of sinners.
- No one is too far gone for God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness if we will humbly seek it.
- If it was ever about worthiness, Jesus would have never died.

6 I Need to Know Jesus Is Coming Again

2 Peter 3:10–13; 1 Thessalonians 5

- The question is not do I mentally accept it? The question is, do I doubt?
- I don't take every day captive the way I would if I knew Jesus was coming tomorrow.
- What sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.
- If we knew Jesus was coming tomorrow at 1 o'clock p.m. Might you live your day a little bit differently?

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't doubt. Overcome. Don't doubt. Look over. Look at what God has done.**

MY NOTES