

Mid-Week Devotion

Living with Our Doubts



Read Matthew 28:16-20 *When they saw him, they worshiped him, but some were doubtful. v17*

Just before Jesus issued the Great Commission, sending His disciples into the world, scripture tells us that “some doubted.” It seems odd that Jesus would entrust something as important as the mission He literally gave His life for, to those who had doubts. We are all doubters at one level or another. Even those of us with deep faith, also have doubts. The disciples had been with Jesus for three years. They had seen Him heal the sick, give sight to the blind, and cast out demons; they had even seen Him walk on water and rise from the dead! Miracle after miracle they had witnessed and yet some doubted.

The point of this passage is not that some doubted, but that all worshiped. In the end, that is all that is expected of a disciple, to worship. I know that many of you have seen Jesus work miracles in your lives; some of you watched this happen this week. Yet, you still have some doubts. We don’t doubt that Jesus is all-powerful; we usually doubt that Jesus will be powerful in our own lives. However, this passage would say to you that Jesus doesn’t mind your doubts, just as long as you worship Him.

Worship is at the heart of who we are as Christians; it is our way of life. When we worship we confess that we are dependent upon a creator who loves us, that He is in control, and that He alone, is Savior. So in essence, when we worship, we not only surrender our doubts, but also our certainties. We bow at the foot of the cross, where we are never more vulnerable, laying down everything, doubts and all. Jesus is surely never overcome by your faith, and likewise He is never troubled by your doubt. What Jesus truly cares about is whether or not you love Him. Perhaps nowhere better do you show Him your love than when you worship Him.

When Jesus issued the Great Commission to His disciples to go into the world and do mission on his behalf, it wasn’t the disciples certainty that drove them to obey, for they just like you, were full of doubts, rather it was their love for Jesus that propelled them into the mission field. It is the same for you, for it is your love for Jesus that will overshadow all your doubts and propel you into mission as well. So the next time you have doubts about what Jesus is doing in your life, remember your part is simply to love your Savior, and the best way to that is to worship Him.

Father, may my heart be so filled with love for You, that it drives not only my doubts away, but also drives me into mission for You. In Jesus name, Amen.

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