



Disqualifying Doubt

By Bryan Trotter on February 3

READING: Luke 24

Do you ever struggle with doubt? I definitely do. I am skeptical of most things. I want to see the facts and proof before I make a decision. Today's culture views truth as subjective and the validity of news is questioned. With everything around us being doubted, is there room for any doubt as a follower of Christ?

As I read the gospels, I am often perplexed by the disciples. These men lived with Jesus and saw the miracles in person yet asked for more proof that He was the Messiah. Even in our reading today, the disciples were fearful and doubtful when Jesus appeared to them after the resurrection. They watched the crucifixion and death of Jesus, then were shown His hands and feet, yet they still disbelieved. These same men were entrusted with taking the gospel message to the ends of the earth. Really? How could the disciples struggle with disbelief and doubt and still be entrusted to spread the gospel? The answer is simple...doubt does not disqualify you.

As I read Acts, I am again perplexed by the disciples, but I am also very encouraged. These same doubting and disbelieving men are changed. They act and talk differently than they did in the Gospels. It is so encouraging to me. God specializes in taking doubting, disbelieving, broken people to accomplish His plans. He does this throughout the Bible and still does it today. Doubt does not disqualify you from taking the next step of faith in following God. Often, doubt will drive you to His Word, prayer, godly counsel or other resources to make your faith stronger.

Where are you doubting God? Are you doubting if He will provide if you take that next step? The disciples doubted, but God still did great things through them. Doubt does not disqualify you from doing great things for the kingdom of God. Seek God and wise, godly counsel and take the step that God is calling you take.

PRAYER: Father, You are the ultimate provider. Help me overcome my fear and trust in where You lead me.

TOMORROW'S READING: Luke 25

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