



If you are a guest with us today, we want to **WELCOME** you! If you have not done so already, we invite you to stop by our Guest Reception Center in the lobby at the welcome desk following the service. Someone will greet you, answer any questions you may have, and give you a gift as a **THANK YOU** for worshipping with us today!

Outreach Ministry

- If you are interested in joining the Events Team, please join us for our next planning meeting on Wednesday, April 13, from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Grace Campus. We will begin plans for our summer events. Call our Church Office at (616) 741-0032 with any questions!
- Root to Rise Ministries Yoga is back starting April 23! Join us at the Ebenezer Campus Gym at 9 am to relieve stress, grow strong in faith, and find community! This Christ-centered class, led by certified instructor Becca Bishop, uses yoga to worship God with every breath and movement. Classes are donation-based. Bring a mat (if you have one) and a water bottle. Find future dates on our website or app!
- We have an event for you if you like pancakes, classic cars, or both! Save the date for the first annual Pistons and Pancakes on Saturday, May 21, at Family Church Grace Campus! Join us for a car show, pancake breakfast, and other outdoor family fun. This is a free event, and we'd love for you to come! Invite another car enthusiast or anyone else who likes to eat breakfast to come along!

Young Adult's Ministry

- Every week, young adults from new high school graduates to their late 20s gather together to connect, build community, and learn more about God and Jesus at the same time. We have a game night on the first Thursday of the month and focus on different books of the Bible using Bible Project videos and other resources. Come early at 6:00 for FREE pizza before Thursday night service at 6:30!

Women's Ministry

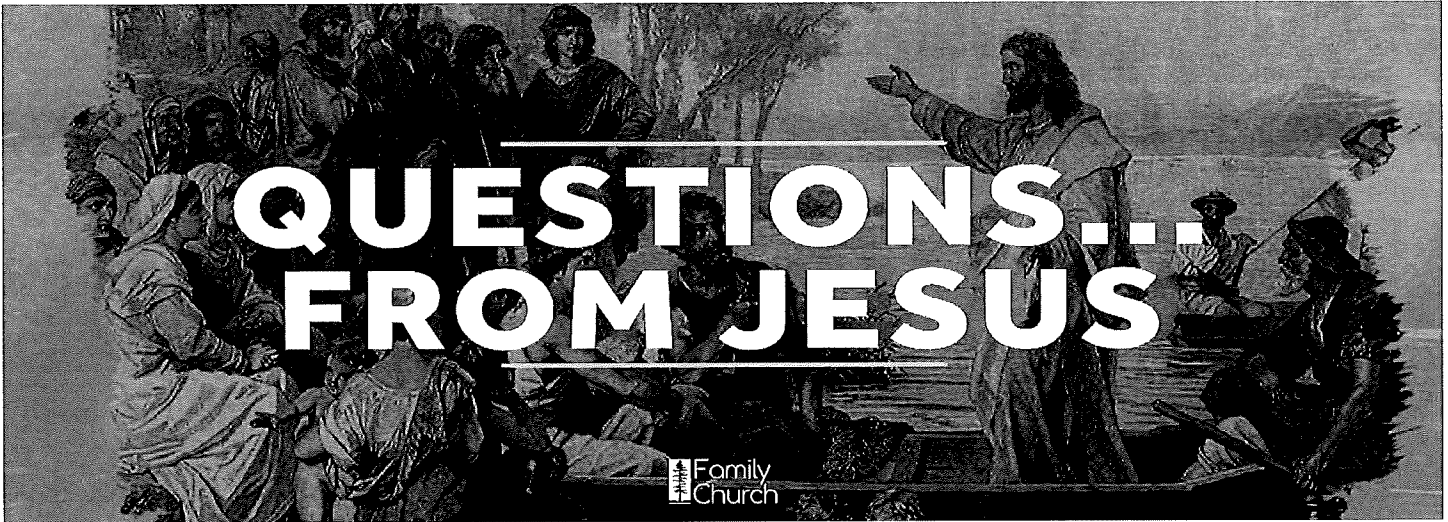
- Ladies, join us Saturday, May 7, from 9:30 to 11 am at the Grace Campus for a special event featuring chaplain, author, and speaker Ammie Bouwman. "The Unnoticed Acts - A Mother's Identity" is a free event complete with coffee and donuts, fellowship, and an encouraging message from Ammie. All moms will receive a gift!
- Myrna Folkert will lead a two-week study based on her book, *Daughters of Hope, Thriving after Mother Loss*. Women of any age who have lost their mother will have an opportunity to share stories, discuss Bible passages, celebrate memories, and be guided through the stages of grief to find healing together. The group will meet at the Ebenezer Campus on two Wednesday mornings, April 27 and May 4, at 10 am. Register to attend through our website or app.

Family Church - Weekly Services

- **Thursday at 6:30 pm** - Live Service at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 9:00 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus
- **Sunday at 9:30 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Ebenezer Campus
- **Sunday at 10:45 am** - Live Service and Kids Church at Grace Campus

www.familychurch.app

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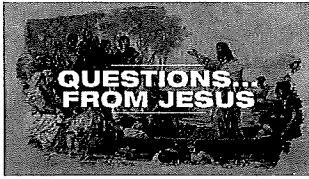


**Why do you doubt?
April 17, 2022**

_____ can lead to _____ faith!

Luke 24:36-39, While they (the disciples) were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. 38 He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? 39 Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

John 20:24-28, Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe. A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"



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Why do you doubt?

1. When you think about spiritual doubts, what is the first thing that comes to your mind?
2. Jesus asked the question, "Why do you doubt?" Have you ever thought about Thomas standing before the Risen Jesus and being asked that question?
3. Which are you, the person who says: "If the Bible says it, I believe it, and that settles it!" or the person who says, "I really want to believe, but I just don't see how that can be." "I'm analytical, and I need to see how this all adds up first." "I need to have God prove he is real before I can believe."
4. Doubts come in all different shapes and sizes. It also comes from all sorts of different places, from a family with an abusive dad, and then doubting God's love, or from a great lost, and then doubting prayer works. Does this mean they are without faith?

KEY POINT: Having spiritual doubts does not mean you do not have faith.

5. Doubt is a normal part of being human and it can in fact lead us to the main point of the sermon.

MAIN POINT: Doubt can lead to DEEP faith!

READ: Luke 24:36-39

6. Jesus asked, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Can hear Jesus' love and compassion? In the sermon we heard it put this way: "Come on, guys, did you forget I promised you that I would give My life for you and, three days later, I would be back? Did you forget that this was the plan? Why were you not waiting here expecting me! Today is day 3, you should have been waiting here in excitement! I told you this was going to happen Why do doubts arise in your mind?"

READ: John 20:24-28

7. When Jesus spoke to the guys, Thomas was not there. We know that from John 20:24. What did he miss? He missed the

presence of Jesus. He missed the power of Jesus. He missed the proof that Jesus was raised from the dead! He missed out on knowing Jesus really did fulfill His promise.

8. So, Thomas was having a tough time believing his brothers and he doubted. Has this ever happened to you? Someone tells you something amazing, miraculous even, but you doubted, because you were not there to see it with your own eyes?
9. Have you been or known a, "I kind of believe Christian"? These are the people that seem to believe and then that one thing happens, and it shakes their little bit of faith, and they ask, does God really exist?

KEY POINT: Doubts don't have to be the end of real faith. Doubts can be the beginning of a rock-solid faith.

10. How did Jesus deal with Thomas' doubts? What does that teach us about how Jesus views our doubts?
11. Did you notice that all the guys are there, but Jesus cares about the one who wanted to believe! Isn't that amazing? Jesus met Thomas where he was in his doubt! Jesus did for Thomas what he needed! Then he said now stop doubting and believe.
12. How did Thomas respond? What is significant about what Thomas said to Jesus?
13. Do you see that no matter your doubt, God has INCREDIBLE plans for your life!
14. The question is, "Why do you doubt?"

Once Thomas got what he needed, he traveled farther than any other disciple, going to Iraq and Iran and then all the way to India to preach the Gospel. He believed everyone needed to know about Jesus so much that he traveled endlessly spreading the gospel. Thomas doubted but that was not the end of his story. Thomas's story ends with him traveling further than any other disciple to spread the truth of Jesus' resurrection!

That build's my faith! How about yours?

