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Summer at Epic - Part 5 – Overcoming Doubt with Faith Ray Hammond - July 28, 2019

So the other disciples told him [Thomas], “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.” – John 20:25

COMMON DOUBTS

- **EXISTENCE:** *God, if you are there, why don't you prove it?*
- **GOODNESS:** *God, if you are good, why is this happening?*
- **INVOLVEMENT:** *God, if you're powerful, why don't you do something?*

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for, being convinced of
what we do not see. – Hebrews 11:1

- **Faith is choosing to TRUST Jesus in the uncertainty.**

MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH

1) Make READING the Bible a priority.

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-
edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints
and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.
– Hebrews 4:12

2) Make God's CHURCH a priority.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love
and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in
the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more
as you see the Day approaching. – Hebrews 10:24-25

3) Make PRAYER a priority.

For we do not have a high priest incapable of sympathizing with
our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way just
as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Therefore let us confidently approach
the throne of grace to receive mercy and find grace whenever we
need help. – Hebrews 4:15-16

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!” ²⁹ Then
Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed;
blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”
– John 20:27-29