

**When Doubt Creeps In**

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## **I. A Doubting Dad - Mark 9**

### **A. Defeated Disciples - Mark 9:18-19**

**18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not."**

**19 "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me."**

**B. Desperate Dad - Mark 9:23-24**

**23 "If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."**

**24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"**

## **II. A Reflective Disciple - John 11**

**A. Facing Certain Death - John 11:8; 14-16**

*John 11:8*

**8 "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"**

*John 11:14 - 16*

**14 So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,**

**15 and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."**

**16 Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."**

## **B. Facing Uncertain Future - John 14:1-7**

**1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God ; trust also in me.**

**2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.**

**3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.**

**4 You know the way to the place where I am going."**

**5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"**

**6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**7 If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him."**

### **III. A Confessing Doubter - John 20:24**

**24 Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came.**

#### **A. Thomas' Doubts Discussed - John 20:26-27**

**26 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!"**

**27 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."**

**B. Thomas' Doubts Dispelled - John 20:28-29**

**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."**









