

Excess Baggage

Week 1 – I DOUBT it

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We don't have to worry about having perfect faith. A faith where we never have a question, we believe everything; we never get discouraged, we never have any doubt.

God and He is the one who will _____ or
_____ what He has begun in us.

- † Philippians 1:6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- † Colossians 2:10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head...

Jesus doesn't _____ us when we have doubt.

- † Mark 9:21 So He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. 22 And often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." 23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "**Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!**" 25 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"

After Jesus had risen from the dead the disciples were gathered together, they were certainly wondering what had happened, they were most certainly experiencing doubt. But Jesus came to them anyway. He came to them in a dramatic fashion, the doors were shut and He just appeared to them, right through closed doors!

- † John 20:18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken the things to her. 19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." He said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Even when Thomas was in doubt Jesus came to Him, I think Jesus saw deeper than the surface, He saw deep into Thomas' heart, saw a man like the other man in the bible who said I believe but still have doubts.

You see, there is a better way, God doesn't want us to stay in doubt so you can be assured of this, He is faithful to finish His work in you, just stay in faith and know that you are on a journey and He is with you all the way.