

# We Believe

*"But the angel answered and said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.'"* Matthew 28:5-7 NKJV

*"Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted."* Matthew 28:16-17 NKJV

## Why do we doubt?

*"Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?'"* Matthew 14:31 ESV

### 1. Doubts can be a catalyst for a deeper & stronger faith.

#### a. Doubts don't have to disqualify your faith.

*"But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus said to him, 'If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.'"* Mark 9:22-23 NKJV

*"Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, 'Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!'"*

Mark 9:24 NKJV

#### b. Faith is not a destination. Faith is a journey.

*"And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples and said to Him, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'"* Matthew 11:2-3 NKJV

#### c. When you have doubts, it's not time to panic or give up.

##### It's time to process your faith.

*"Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, 'We have seen the Lord.' So 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.'"* John 20:24-25 NKJV

*"Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although 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, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'"* John 20:26-28 ESV

#### d. Faith isn't the absence of doubt.

##### Faith is the means to push through my doubts.

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,"* Ephesians 2:8 NKJV

*"God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."* Romans 12:3 NKJV

*"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me"* Psalms 23:4 NKJV

## 2. 3 Things happen when I choose faith over my doubts:

### a. I get to live with hope

*"I would have lost heart, unless I had believed That I would see the goodness of the Lord In the land of the living."* Psalms 27:13 NKJV

### b. I get to live with purpose

*"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."* Ephesians 2:10 NKJV

### c. I get to live in relationship with my creator

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."* John 3:16 NKJV