



So We Would Know

John 20:19-29

Trust ... Just Do It!

John 20:19 That evening, on the first day of the week, the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders...

1. When your faith is in a _____
God you live by a cause and effect routine.
Do this and you should be able to get this.
Give enough ...
Do enough ...
Be humble enough ...
Live good enough ...
When your faith is in your relationship with Creator God, your Father, you live by _____ in that love.
2. Unexpected and unwanted events are the _____ that reveal the level of confidence you have in the power or love of God.
3. We love to plan and control. We love Jesus but we don't want Him to let our dreams for ourselves get _____.

John 20:19b ...Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," He said. ²⁰ As He spoke, He held out His hands for them to see, and He showed them His side. They were filled with joy when they saw their Lord! ²¹ He spoke to them again and said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." ²² ...Then He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:24 One of the disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. ²⁵ They told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in His side." ²⁶ Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. He said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see My hands. Put your hand into the wound in My side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

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4. Jesus will meet you where you are. If your faith is small but your heart is _____ seeking Jesus, He will reach down to your faith.
- John 20:28** "My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed. ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen Me. Blessed are those who haven't seen Me and believe anyway."
5. How many opportunities for assurance in God's love and power do we miss because we:
 - a. Focus on _____ rather than trust God
 - b. Trust a specific _____ for our circumstances rather than trust God
 - c. Allow _____ to influence and erode my faith in God rather than trust God.
6. Life is going to contain disappointment and confusing times. The confusion or fear comes from trusting in my own _____ or _____. Trust God!
7. Trust takes _____. Faith is not a feeling; it's a focus.

"Blessed are those who haven't seen Me and believe anyway."