

## **WHEN YOU HAVE FAITH**

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### **FAITH IS VISION FOR THE FUTURE BUILT ON GOD'S WORD.**

*“Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.” (Hebrews 11:1-2, NLT)*

### **GOD MEETS ME WHERE I AM.**

*“One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. 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.”*

*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. “Peace be with you,” he said. Then said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!”*

*My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.*

*Then Jesus told him, “you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe with seeing me.”*

*The disciples saw Jesus do many other miraculous signs in addition to the ones recorded in this book. But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing in him you will have life by the power of his name.” (John 20:24-31, NLT)*

### **1. FEED YOUR FAITH.**

*“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.”  
(Romans 10:17, NIV)*

*“So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands.” (Psalm 78:7)*

2. **STAY IN FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CHURCH.**

*“Thomas... was no with the others when Jesus came.” Verse 24*

3. **STOP YOUR DOUBTING AND BELIEVE.**

*[Jesus] “said to Thomas, .... ‘Stop your doubting and believe.’”  
Verse 27*

4. **DECLARE YOUR FAITH IN GOD.**

*“My Lord and my God!” Thomas exclaimed.” Verse 28*

*“If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.” (Romans 10:9-10)*

5. **RECEIVE GOD’S BLESSING.**

*Then Jesus told him, “you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe with seeing me.” Verse 29*