

April 19 / Sunday

Facing Doubt

Read [John 20:24-31](#)



**20 / Mon – Common human condition** | Read [Psalm 13:1-6, 42:9-11, 46:1-3 and 73:21-26](#)

Doubt is a common word but take another look at the dictionary definition: *a feeling of uncertainty about the truth, reality or nature of something; to distrust*. Doubt is also a common occurrence in life. You might be going through doubts right now about things that you used to take for granted. Current worldwide circumstances may be causing you to doubt your ability to take care of yourself or your family. What do you do when doubt invades *your* mind? See the truth in Psalm 23:4.

**21 / Tue – She laughed** | Read [Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-6](#)

Sarah knew that Abraham had been promised a son. When she became too old to physically bear children, she tried to help God by following the cultural custom of urging Abraham to father a child through her maidservant. It did not turn out as she had hoped. When God told her *she* would bear a son at ninety years of age, she laughed - who wouldn't? But did her doubts stop God from fulfilling His promise? Have you ever gotten tired of waiting on God to act and instigated plan B?

**22 / Wed – You got the wrong guy** | Read [Exodus 3:1-22 and 4:1-18, especially 4:13](#)

He was a broken man, so broken that this former member of the royal family *knew* God had chosen the wrong person. He doubted himself and argued with God repeatedly. In reality, Moses was not doubting *himself*, he was doubting *God's ability* to use someone as weak and defeated as he had become. Have you ever found yourself in a similar position? Consider how differently Moses' life would have turned out if he had allowed doubt to prevail and refused to step out in faith?

**23 / Thu – Regardless of the outcome** | Read [Job 1:1-22 and 2:1-12](#)

Job lived a godly life but experienced tremendous tragedy. Did he begin to doubt God and turn away in disillusionment? No, he went toe-to-toe with God, expressing pain and confusion and anger at the injustice of his losses. Yet in all this, Job did not sin. If you ever have a Job-like experience, you can respectfully 'have it out' with God. You probably won't get the answers you want. Instead, you might hear Him quietly ask "do you still love *Me*...or did you just 'love' Me for what I could *do* for you?"

**24 / Fri – Remember** | Read [1 Samuel 17:1-11 and v. 16-52](#)

Remember David and Goliath? Reread this familiar story and compare the attitude of the soldiers and their king with David's when Israel was challenged by this 9'9" giant. What was the reaction of those experienced soldiers in v. 24? How did the young shepherd respond in v. 46-47? Where did David's confidence come from in v.33-37? What experiences in your past are a reminder that you too *can* trust God whenever you face a Goliath today or in the future?

**25 / Sat – Poster child** | Read [John 11:8-16 and 14:5 and 20:24-28](#)

Thomas has become the poster child as a master doubter. Unfairly so. Thomas was brave (11:16), he asked questions that others were afraid to (14:5) and when his doubts were proven wrong, he was just as emphatic in expressing his change of heart (20:28). Jesus understood Thomas' heart, his honest doubts, and showed Thomas what he needed to see. So take heart, Jesus understands you too. He will not reject you for your honest doubts. What do you need to tell Him today?

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