



## STILL BELIEVING ANYWAY – 2 of 3 God Can Handle Your Doubts

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<sup>28</sup>“Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup>“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” <sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

--Matthew 14:28-31 NIV

- Peter doubted, and Jesus rescued him. (Matthew 14:31)
- Thomas doubted, and Jesus gave him proof. (John 20:27)
- Disciples doubted, and Jesus sent them anyway. (Matthew 28:17-19)
- John the Baptist doubted, and Jesus reassured him. (Matthew 11:4-5)
- Martha doubted, and Jesus reminded her of His power. (John 11:21-25)
- The father of the demon-possessed boy doubted, and Jesus strengthened his faith. (Mark 9:24-25)

**DOUBT IS NOT THE ENEMY OF FAITH, BUT IS OFTEN A PATHWAY TO A DEEPER AND MORE MEANINGFUL FAITH.**

**Why do you doubt?** - What if this isn't an accusation, but an invitation?

**What is deconstruction?** - A sincere examination of your beliefs, letting go of what's untrue to build on what is true.

<sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.”

--Matthew 5:38-39 NIV

<sup>23</sup>“... you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

--Matthew 16:23 NIV

**Everyone reads the Bible with a bias.**

- Everything you believe about God may not be true.
- When you discover something that you believed isn't true, unbelieve what isn't true and pursue what is true.

<sup>25</sup>For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

--1 Peter 2:25 NIV