

My Doubts Are Valuable; I Have To Be Careful Whom I Give Them Away To

3rd Step - Lesson 7

Third Step [with comments]: “We made a decision [our wives, our parents, or our PO’s didn’t make it for us] to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood him [not “as somebody else understood him” or “as we were told we were supposed to understand him”].

John 20:24-29 – Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though 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; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

- 1. Have you ever gotten in trouble because you trusted someone or something that hadn’t earned your trust?**
- 2. Have you ever gotten in trouble because you let someone or something take over your decisions for you?**
- 3. How has Jesus earned your trust and settled your doubts?**
- 4. Have there been times when you refused to believe just because you were hard-headed?**
- 5. How can you tell when it’s time to hold onto your doubts and when it’s time to let go?**