

**A RESPONSIBLE FAITH  
PART 5: WHEN DOUBT GOES BAD**

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"... Don't be afraid; just believe."

Mark 5:36 (NIV)

<b>FAITH DEFINED</b>
Faith is a _____ . Faith is more than _____, it requires _____ with that faith, in _____ of my life.

**WHEN DOUBT GOES BAD I TEND TO:**

"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' After He said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came." John 20:19-20, 24 (NIV)

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ FROM GOD AND OTHER BELIEVERS.**

"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.'" John 20:25 (NIV)

**2. \_\_\_\_\_ THAT I DON'T  
REQUIRE FOR OTHER THINGS I BELIEVE.**

**3. RESORT TO:**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_: There's simply not enough evidence to decide whether faith in Christ is reasonable. So, I'm suspending judgment.**
- B. \_\_\_\_\_: There's plenty of evidence and it's bad. So, it's more reasonable not to have faith.**
- C. \_\_\_\_\_: Regardless of the evidence, I don't want to believe. Having Faith means being answerable to God for my actions. So, I'm choosing not to have Faith.**

"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!" John 20:26-28 (NIV)

"Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'" John 20:29 (NIV)

"... there is only one God, the Father, who created everything, and we exist for Him. And there is only one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom God made everything and through whom we have been given life." I Corinthians 8:6 (NLT)

**THE BOTTOM LINE IS:**

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