

# The Doorway of Doubt

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**WHAT BREED  
OF DOG ARE  
YOU?**





Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times." And he went outside and wept bitterly.



Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"



And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it



Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."



When Jesus sees his mother and the  
"disciple whom he loved"  
standing near the cross, he says to his  
mother, "Woman, here is your son".



James the son of Zebedee and John the  
brother of James, to whom He gave the  
name Boanerges, that is, "Sons of Thunder"



Going on from there, He saw two other  
brothers, James the son of Zebedee, and John  
his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their  
father, mending their nets. He called them



Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to  
Peter, "It is the Lord."



But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was   
later to betray him, objected,  
“Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money   
given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages. ”

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas  
Iscariot—went to the chief priests and asked,  
“What are you willing to give me if I deliver him  
over to you?”



   
He did not say this because he cared about the  
poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of  
the money bag, he used to help himself to  
what was put into it.

   
Judas walked over to Jesus to greet him with a  
kiss. But Jesus said, “Judas, would you betray  
the Son of Man with a kiss?”





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."

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed



Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let's go, too—and die with Jesus."

"No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"



# Thomas doubts?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A\\_QcGnwilXI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_QcGnwilXI)

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*“Thomas, nicknamed the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let's go, too—and die with Jesus.”*

*John 11:16*

*“No, we don't know, Lord,” Thomas said.*

*“We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?”*

*John 14:5*

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# Facing our feelings

Religious = deny our emotions

Worldly = Fixate on our emotions

Psalm = Pray through our emotions

# 1. What is doubt?

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# **Distazo (διστάζω)**

to doubt, to waver, or to hesitate

**δῖς (dis)**

twice or double

**στάζω (stázō)**

to stand or to take a stand

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# **Απιστία (ἀπιστία)**

Unbelief, lack of faith, unfaithfulness

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## 2. What causes doubt?

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*Truly God is good to Israel, to those  
who hearts are pure. But As for me, I  
almost lost my footing. My feet was  
slipping, and I was almost gone. For I  
envied the proud when I saw them  
prosper despite their wickedness.*

*Psalm 73 1-3*

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Doubts come when what your  
mind knows becomes unreal  
to your heart because of  
what you are experiencing.

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And so the people are dismayed and confused, drinking in all their words. "What does God know?" they ask. "Does the Most High even know what's happening?" Look at these wicked people- enjoying a life of ease while their riches multiply. Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?

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*I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain. If I had really spoken this way to others, I would have been a traitor to your people. So I tried to understand why the wicked prosper. But what a difficult task it is!*

*Psalm 73:10-16*

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### **3. How can we deal with doubt?**

- **Face your doubts**
- **Enter the sanctuary**
- **Feel for His hand**
- **Make your doubts a doorway**

## **Face your doubts**

Honest = there is suffering and evil

Dishonest = reacting with jealousy  
and resentment

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## **Enter the sanctuary**

*Then I went into your sanctuary, God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked...Then I realized that my heart was bitter, and I was all torn up inside. I was so foolish and ignorant- I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you. Psalm 73: 17-22*

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# Next Steps



CONNECT-  
GROUP  
SIGNAL

GRACE COURSE  
AND STEPS

BAPTISM IN WATER

COMMIT TO MEMBERSHIP

REGULARLY GIVE FINANCIALLY

DISCOVER YOUR SPIRITUAL  
GIFTS USING APEST

SERVE CONSISTENTLY IN A  
MINISTRY OR OUTREACH

## **Feel for His hand**

*Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny.*

*Psalm 73: 23-24*

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# Make your doubts a doorway

SOMETIMES YOUR  
**GREATEST FAITH**  
IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF YOUR  
**DEEPEST DOUBT.**  
STEVEN FURTICK

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My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever...But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do.

Psalm 73: 28

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# Make your doubts a doorway

*Thomas replied,  
“My Lord and my God!”  
John 20:28*

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*King Hezekiah and his officials ordered  
the Levites to praise the LORD with the  
words of David and of Asaph **the seer**.  
So they sang praises with gladness and  
bowed down and worshipped.*

*2 Chronicles 29:30*

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# Response

What are you wrestling with right now?

- Face your doubts
- Enter the sanctuary
- Feel for His hand
- Make your doubts a doorway

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