



# SERMON NOTES

**SEASONS – THE SEASON OF FAITH - PASTOR PETER May 4 2025**

## **Matthew 28:16,17**

Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!

## **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.

## **John 20:24,25**

"One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' 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.'"

## **Genesis 32:24-26**

"This left Jacob all alone in the camp, and a man came and wrestled with him until the dawn began to break. When the man saw that he would not win the match, he touched Jacob's hip and wrenched it out of its socket. Then the man said, 'Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go unless you bless me.'"

## **Genesis 32:31**

"The sun was rising as Jacob left Peniel, and he was limping because of the injury to his hip."

## **John 20:19, 24**

"That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! 'Peace be with you,' He said. One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came."



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## 1. QUESTIONING OF FAITH

### Reflection Questions:

1. What are the questions or doubts I'm wrestling with right now in my faith? Am I afraid to admit them—even to God?
2. Have there been moments where I missed being in God's presence because I was spiritually absent? What pulled me away?
3. Like Thomas or Jacob, have I ever felt like I was wrestling with God? What did I learn in that struggle?

## 2.ACCEPTANCE BY FAITH

### **John 20:27**

"Put your finger here in the wounds of My hands. Here - put your hand into My wounded side and see for yourself. Thomas, don't give in to your doubts any longer, just believe!"

### **Psalms 103:13-17**

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him; for He knows how we are formed, He remembers that we are dust. The life of mortals is like grass, they flourish like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children."

**John 20:27** "Thomas, don't give in to your doubts any longer, just believe!"

### **Colossians 1:10**

"Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better."



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## Reflection Questions: Acceptance by Faith

1. What does it mean to me that Jesus meets me in my doubts, not with shame, but with compassion?  
How does that change the way I approach Him?
2. Am I willing to believe even before I have all the answers I want?  
What holds me back from simply trusting?
3. Where in my life do I need to hear Jesus say, "Just believe"?  
How can I take one step of faith this week?

## 3. DECLARATION OF FAITH

**John 20:28 "You are my Lord, and You are my God!"**

## Reflection Questions: Declaration of Faith

1. Have I ever had a defining moment where I declared my faith in Jesus like Thomas did?  
What brought me to that point?
2. In what ways can I move from private belief to public declaration?  
Is there someone I need to share my story or testimony with?
3. What does it look like for me to live boldly and confidently in this season as a follower of Jesus?  
How can my words and actions reflect my declaration of faith?