

# Message Notes

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Words (that) Matter  
Faith (Mark 9:14–29; John 20:24–29)  
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- ◆ How do I navigate the struggle to \_\_\_\_\_?
- The Father
- ◆ The struggle to believe is a \_\_\_\_\_ human condition.
- ◆ First the man asks for help for his son, now he asks for \_\_\_\_\_ for himself.
- ◆ There is nothing pious in \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ The problem is not technique, it's that the disciples are trying to do spiritual work without spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ To have faith is to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ When we show up with \_\_\_\_\_ faith, Jesus can still get the job done.

## The Disciple

- ◆ Thomas is \_\_\_\_\_ with a decision to believe or not believe.

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 20:27–28

- ◆ Doubting Thomas becomes Thomas the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Jesus is not opposed to \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 1:3)
- ◆ Peter's doubt isn't \_\_\_\_\_, it's emotional. He's afraid.
- ◆ Christ has called us not to blind dogmatism and closed-mindedness, not to the rejection of reason and evidence, but to a relationship of \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy \*catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

\* "catholic" comes from a Greek word meaning "whole" or "universal" and does not refer to the Roman Catholic Church