OVERCOMING DOUBT AND DISBELIEF
(John 20:19-31)

“Thomas, called the Twin,” is better known today as “Doubting Thomas.” His refusal to believe until he had seen and touched those nail prints and put his hand into Jesus’ side earned him this name. But how many of us would have doubted too? How many times are we plagued by spiritual doubt today?

Consider these practical ideas for overcoming doubt and disbelief.

1. I can develop and maintain a positive attitude toward _______ and _______.
   - James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 4:12-16; 1 Corinthians 10:13

2. I can choose to _______ with brothers and sisters who are fully committed to Jesus.
   - John 20:24; 1 Corinthians 15:33

3. I can be committed to _______ _______ every day.
   - John 20:29-31

4. I can choose to _______ even when I can’t see how everything can possibly work out right.
   - Hebrews 11:8-12

5. I can always remember that God has assured me that I can successfully _______.
   - John 20:31

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Good Measure

“Honest weights and scales are the Lord’s; all the weights in the bag are His work.” – Proverbs 16:11

If you buy and sell by weight, you must have scales – in Bible times, a simple balance with baskets on each side. A merchant would carry a bag of stone weights to use in the balance. In Leviticus 19, the Israelites are admonished to carry a “just ephah” and a “just hin”. And woe to the Hebrew merchant whose “hin” was not the same as everyone else’s, for he was cheating his customers. God had a lot to say about just measurements in the Old Testament.

What are the measures of our lives today? I would say that they are time, money, and energy. Time is self-measured – how we spend our time. Money – how the world measures success. We earn it to support our families. The church uses it to keep good works and evangelism going. Energy – just like time, there’s never enough of it.

As Christians, we should realize that our time, money, energy (and talents) are on loan from God. Like the servants in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) we will be held responsible for whether and how we use them for His glory.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus had a lot to say about being “good”. He tells us that we must do good to enemies, be merciful, be forgiving and not judge. And we are not to use the measure of what everyone else is doing as our yardstick for good works. We are to do good because we love our Father and our Savior – and He is the very definition of goodness (Matthew 19:17).

And our God knows how to use good measure. In Luke 6 Jesus says that He will reward us for our gifts to Him – the things that are precious to us: time, money, energy – in the same way that we give them. Let us go about life doing good things in truly good measure and with joy, that He will receive us with joy at His coming! For in loving generosity, too, He cannot be outdone.

“Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” – Jesus, Luke 6:38

Jon Wilson
We are having a Family Dev on this morning for 3rd-12th graders and their families. We will have lunch together on the Youth Interns in the Annex. Even if you didn’t bring a dish please make plans to stay and join in the fellowship.

Today is the first day for Ultimate Frisbee! We will meet at the building at 1:15 p.m. to pack up the awnings, chairs, and water before heading to North Creek Park here in Goodlettsville for our game at 2:00 p.m. Please bring money for a Sonic run following the game.

We will be having our first TopG (Tuesday @ Goodlettsville) this week on May 28. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Annex. Bring money for lunch.

DESTROY this week will be a working devotest. Please come dressed to start work on fixing up the new Youth Area. It will still begin at 4:00 p.m. and we will meet in the Youth class room.

Lads to Leaders
Class will continue to meet through the summer on Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. There will be a few weeks, during some camp sessions, where class will not meet.

Mexico Mission Trip
The Mexico mission team is collecting cardboard toilet tissue rolls and paper towel rolls for a VBS craft this summer. If you have any to spare, please place them in the designated box in the teachers’ workroom.

Jubilee Hills
We are in great need of some men to help with the Jubilee Hills services this summer. If you can help by leading prayer, giving a short devotional, or leading singing, please let Cliff know.