

**DEALING WITH DOUBT**  
*Freedom for a Fresh Start- Part 3*  
January 28, 2018  
**John 20:24-29**

**1. BE HONEST WITH GOD.**

*“How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, ‘Violence!’ but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds.” Habakkuk 1:2-3 (NIV)*

**Point: Honesty is not an end in itself, it a means to transformation.**

**2. EXAMINE THE EVIDENCE.**

*“Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 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 20:24-25 (NIV)*

**Point: Christianity is an evidential faith.**

*“After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.” Acts 1:3 (NIV)*

**3. MAKE A DECISION.**

*“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)*