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**As I sit here, I am reminded how much humans we doubt. God knew this would happen because he put examples of this doubting in the Bible. The first one is the apostle Thomas. This is where we get the phrase don't be a doubting Tom.**

**John 20:24-29**

**24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 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."**

**26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 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."**

**28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"**

**29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."**

**Jesus takes one of his 1 and 12 chosen to lead the church. Someone that will doubt giving us hope in our doubt. We can say look, Thomas, and even John the Baptist doubt. I am OK.**

**Then the last time that Jesus says to Thomas is for us:**

**“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”**

**We have not seen Jesus rise but yet Christians today believe. This is the true blessing. Not that we saw him Rise, or God to deliver the Jews from Egypt or any other historical fact from the Bible but for us to believe.**

**Never stop believing and finding comfort in the Lord.**

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