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Some days bring us to places we don't realize needed help. Strong Christians who just weeks ago looked like they had it all together. Then a few weeks later they are falling apart. Starting to doubt. We as Christians sometimes look and say why? But this doesn't surprise God. I feel he intended put someone in the midst of the 12 disciples to show us it is ok to doubt. We have a phrase "oh don't be a doubting Tom". This comes from one of the 12 Thomas. As a matter of fact, when Jesus rose from the dead and his friends and brothers say him, and Thomas didn't what did he say? Not Wow he did it just like he said, no he reverted to his old nature.

John 20:24-25 Niv

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."

But Christ knew this happened and Thomas doubted He knew so much he made it a point to restore his faith:

John 20:26-29 Niv

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.

So, while Christ corrected him he used him as a teaching moment. Stating the ones who did not see but believed are blessed. Those people are us. We believe but did not see brothers and sisters remember this, we have a loving God who did this for us!

Psalm 136:26

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²⁶ Give thanks to the God of heaven.

His love endures forever.

I give Him thanks each day!

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