

Jesus' Final Instructions / And Some Doubted
Matthew 28: 16-20

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Verse 16 - 17

**The disciples doubted
*Really?? Really!!***

“When they saw Him, they worshipped Him”

True worship and service go hand in hand

Romans 12: 2

Many today worship and serve the idols of this world and don't know it

**The disciples worshipped Jesus, yet some doubted,
How does that work?**

Doubt = to waiver in opinion, to hesitate believing

Doubt is a common experience; doubt can creep into the most fervent Christian

Doubt for a believer is not pleasing to God –

TRUST IS!!

“ those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

Romans 8: 8

Flesh = unredeemed humanness (John MacArthur)

Doubting is a flesh thing, not a Spirit thing

**A tug of war exists for control of your soul –
*your thoughts, feelings, emotions***

FLESH vs SPIRIT



Victory over the flesh is found in walking in the Spirit
Galatians 5: 16

Beware of doubt casters:

*The world, the flesh and
the devil*

You are living in a world that doubts God and His Word

**When we doubt God, we are walking in agreement with
Satan, *the doubt caster!***

The disciples doubted in the face of evidence:

The resurrected Jesus, the miracles surrounding Jesus' death (*the veil was torn, the earthquake, the rocks split, graves were opened, dead saints walking around Jerusalem, etc.*)

What are these guys needing? What do we need?

Holy Spirit power

Jesus' promise: John 14: 16

“I will pray the Father and He will give you another Helper that He may abide with you forever”

Jesus' promise:

Acts 1: 8 - *PENTECOST!*

What does doubting mean to me today?

The right stressor at the wrong time and any believer can revert to doubt

REMEMBER:

Doubt is never pleasing to God



HOW TO HANDLE DOUBT

DO BELIEVERS DOUBT?

YES! We are not perfect yet!

What are we to do with doubt?

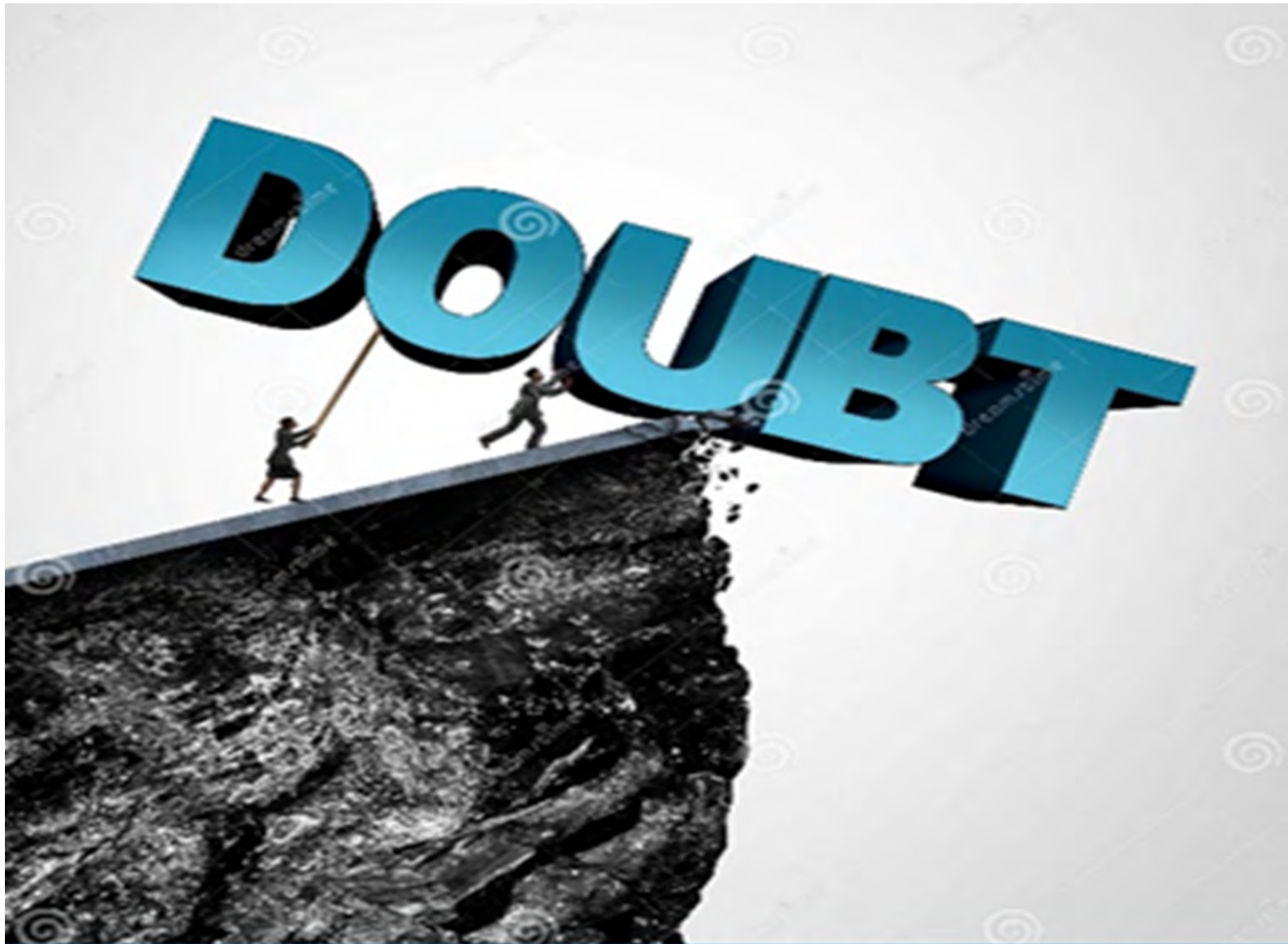
*With Holy Spirit power, push it out of your life and
replace it with TRUST!*

I WILL TRUST IN THE LORD UNTIL I DIE!

Don't Doubt!

TRUST GOD!





**View
doubt
as an
*ENEMY!***

Verse 18
Your authority

Jesus has all authority in heaven and earth

I believe Jesus gives you the authority and the command to make disciples

REMEMBER:

God saves; our job is to make disciples

Verse 19 - 20

Calling all disciples to go and do

There is no exception clause here

Wherever God has placed you, whatever job you have, be a disciple and an influencer for Christ

Every believer has a divine mission given to them by God

PRINCIPLE:

Join God where He is working

Go and Baptize:

Baptism is a full public commitment to follow Jesus and His teachings

Go and Teach what you learned from Jesus and His Word

Go and Do – Do not sit and watch

Jesus' promise:

“I am with you always, even to the end of the age”

CLOSING THOUGHTS:

REMEMBER:

Doubting God is a flesh thing

We cannot please God by doubting –

Romans 8: 8

What must I do with doubt?

View doubt as an ENEMY; doubt is a
peace stealer, an anxiety producer

Throw doubt off a cliff!

When the doubt storm comes

TRUST GOD!

You are here for a purpose; discover your purpose and fulfill your purpose!

Paul died bravely, believing and trusting Jesus!
HE DID NOT DOUBT!

His circumstances did not shake his belief

Maybe you, too, can say with Paul

I have
FOUGHT the
good fight

I have
KEPT the faith

I have
FINISHED
the race

SELAH!

THINK ABOUT IT!