

# LIVE OOK CHURCH

## Giant Of Doubt

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Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 9:21-24;  
John 20:24-28; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

### The Story Of Charles & Billy

#### I. The proliferation of deconstruction

- A. Joshua Harris - author, 2019
- B. Marty Sampson - Hillsong
- C. Many others

#### II. The potential & problem with doubt

- A. A faith untested often cannot be trusted
- B. A doubt never faced can evolve to unbelief

#### III. Why do we doubt?

- A. Questions that go unanswered
- B. Situations that seem unfair
- C. Situations that don't fit our worldview
- D. Cliché theology
- E. Disappointments never addressed

#### IV. The difference between doubt & unbelief

- A. Doubt says, "I struggle to trust"  
Unbelief says, "I don't want to trust"

- B. Doubt asks honest questions  
Unbelief rejects all answers
- C. Doubt is painful  
Unbelief is prideful

#### V. The Bible is honest about doubt

- A. David
- B. Elijah
- C. Peter ("Oh ye of little faith")
- D. A desperate dad, "I believe, help my unbelief"
- E. Faith is not a destination but a journey, faith is not an arrival, or graduation
- F. The best known "doubter" was Thomas

#### VI. Thomas' story, struggle, surprise, & surety

- A. His confidence was (originally) strong
  - 1. Followed Jesus 3 years
  - 2. Honest with questions
- B. Turbulence
  - 1. No one expected the cross (though Jesus warned them)
  - 2. Hope was shaken
  - 3. Faith was shaken
    - a. Death
    - b. Disease
    - c. Disaster
    - d. Disappointment
    - e. Difficulty
    - f. Division

g. Derision

C. Distance

1. When Jesus appeared he was absent
2. Thomas' friends tried to convince him
3. Thomas had 2 lines of evidence
  - a. I want to see
  - b. I want to touch

D. Evidence (entered into his journey)

1. Jesus met Thomas with evidence
2. He told Thomas stop being faithless
3. Jesus' impact on the world is amazing
4. Mathematical probability overwhelming

E. Penitence

1. My Lord, my God
2. Doubt to certainty
3. Waivering to worship
4. Lowest doubt to highest belief
5. Death to life
6. Living hope through the resurrection

F. Permanence

1. Faith unmoveable

G. Power to serve

1. Brought Gospel to India
2. 52 AD established churches
3. 73 AD martyred for his faith

4. Christians in India trace their faith back to Thomas

**VII. A quick reminder when facing doubt (yours or others)**

**[S. A. M. P. L. E. S.]**

- A. Science is found in the Bible
- B. Archelology confirms the events
- C. Manuscripts affirm authority
- D. Prophecy fulfilled - supernatural authorship
- E. Life after death - confirmed
- F. Eyewitnesses - corroborate
- G. Savior - resurrection

**Face Your Doubts**

**Forensics Brings Down Giants**

**Focus On Messiah**

**My Lord & My God**