

Space for God Believing Without Seeing

PREPARATION

I cried out, "I am slipping!"
but your unfailing love, O Lord, supported me.
**When doubts filled my mind,
your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer.** Psalm 94:18-19

CONFESSION

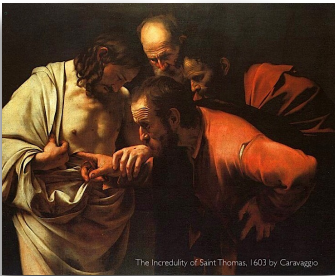
My problems go from bad to worse.
Oh, save me from them all!
**Feel my pain and see my trouble.
Forgive all my sins.** Psalm 25:17-18

WORSHIP

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. **Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.** Romans 15:13

MEDITATION & CONTEMPLATION — John 20:19-29*

That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."



One of the twelve disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he replied, "I won't believe it unless I see the nail wounds

IN SOLITUDE AND/OR COMMUNITY

Read	Slowly, several times.
Reflect	What does the text say?
Respond	How does it relate to my life?
Rest	I welcome God's healing and renewal.

in his hands, put my fingers into them, and place my hand into the wound in his side."

Eight days later the disciples were together again, and this time Thomas was with them. The doors were locked; but suddenly, as before, Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you," he said. Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer. Believe!"

"My Lord and my God!" Thomas exclaimed.

Then Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me."

ANCHORING PRAYER

"My Lord and my God! I believe!"

REVIEW OF THE HEART (previous 24 hours)

*When was I aware that the peace of God was with me?
When did I doubt His presence in my life?*

WISDOM

Thomas said, "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me. John 14:5b-6

Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see. Hebrews 11:1

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe. —Augustine

TESTIMONY *What is God saying to me?*

INTERCESSION *Prayers for the Church, for others, and for me.*

BENEDICTION

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you his peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all.

Amen

2 Thessalonians 3:16

SPACE FOR GOD DAILY

Be still and quiet before God.

Seek the Holy Spirit's filling and

Speak and act from a listening heart.

Actively serve in community with others.