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June 18, 2014

Go Ahead And Doubt

... and some doubted
Matthew 28:17

You Have Doubts! So ... ?

You are not the only one. As you can see from the verse above some of the original twelve (eleven by this time) doubted. They had followed Him for three years, seen all of the miracles, heard all of the teaching, were witnesses to the resurrection, knew Him better than others, and they still doubted!!! What did Jesus do? He gave them His final words, the Great Commission, and entrusted them, doubts and all, to spread the good news of His kingdom. You, my friends who doubt, are in very good company.

So Now What?

You can doubt and do at the same time. Isn't that what Jesus told His apostles here to do? A lot of times we don't doubt and do because we think

doubt is the opposite of faith. However, the opposite of faith is distrust. When you are in trouble you trust God enough to ask for help, don't you? You ask for help even if you doubt something (or a lot of things) about the stories in the Bible, right? Just follow Him and see if your faith grows. Just forgive your neighbor or friend who hurt you even you have questions about the creeds. Just help the poor, feed the hungry, visit the sick, love people as they are, even if you can't memorize Bible verses. Who knows were that kind of wind will take you. I trust in this- that wind will take you to a very good place.

Coming Attractions

Wednesday, June 18, 2014 Experimental

Wednesdays 6:00pm

Sunday, June 22, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Experimental Wednesdays

1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:00pm, at St. Francis Episcopal Church
June 4-September 3

The Seven Signs in the Gospel of John

Read each story once/day for a week before the Wednesday it is scheduled

Read with these questions in mind:

What does this story say to you about people?

What does this story say to you about Jesus?

What does this story have to say about you

Who needs to hear this story?

June 18	Healing the Officials Son	John 4:46-54
July 2	The Invalid of Bethesda	John 5:1-8
July 9	The Feeding of the 5,000	John 6:5-14
August 6	Jesus Walks on the Water	John 6:16-35
August 20	Jesus Heals a Man Morn Blind	John 9:1-41
September 3	The Resurrection of Lazarus	John 11:17-46

Who needs to hear about this gathering? Bring them along!

Advance Notice for the New Member Class

On October 12, 2014 Bishop Gullick will be with us to preside, preach, and confirm and receive our new members. Those of you who are new to St. Francis are invited to pray about becoming a formal member at that time.

It means taking my very engaging new member class. There are four topics which you study at home:

1. What is the Church?
2. What is the Episcopal Church?
3. What is St. Francis Episcopal Church?

4. What does Jesus want me to do about His Church?

Late in September all who have taken this course will come together for one very rich and encouraging session. Let me know if you are interested. I will be distributing the material for the four sessions to interested people in August. BTW-if you have been a long time member you are still invited to take part in this!! Let me know.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

For the Suntrust Bank in Centerville that many people would be served in a way to build better lives through wise financial management.

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of Emmanuel, Delaplane; St. Thomas', McLean; St. Alban's, Annandale; St. John's, Centreville; and Trinity, Washington

Metropolitan Richmond

For the criminal justice system in Metropolitan Richmond: For chaplains, ministries to jails and prisons, half-way houses, work release and after care programs

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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