

**ZACHARY LUBECK  
SERMON - BELIEF  
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MAIN SERVICE AT CROSSROADS**

**LET'S PUT OUR HANDS TOGETHER FOR ALL THESE AMAZING MEN AND WOMEN THAT WERE BOLD ENOUGH TO GIVE A PUBLIC DECLARATION OF THEIR FAITH.**

HEY EVERYONE, IM PASTOR ZACH LUBECK MY WIFE AND I ARE OVER EXCHANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL HERE AT CROSSROADS.  
AND TODAY I WOULD LOVE TO TALK ABOUT OUR BELIEFS.  
WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IN?

STORY - I TRULY BELIEVED I WAS A SUPERHERO. MY POWER?  
STOPPING CARS (saving kids in the playground tonals) (Also i believed i was invincible and opened the car door while we were on the highway)

**Point - BELIEVING, IN SOMETHING NOT IN TRUTH WILL ALWAYS LEAD TO SUFFERING.** (Mine almost lead me to a hospital or a morg) where will yours lead?)

YOU KNOW WE READ ABOUT THIS IN THE BIBLE TIME AND TIME AGAIN WERE ISRAEL WOULD FALL BACK INTO OLD PRACTICES AND BELIEVE IN SOMETHING THAT WILL NEVER FULFILL THEM.

**2 KINGS 17:15**

**15** They rejected his decrees, the promise he made to their ancestors, and the warnings he had given them. They went after worthless idols and became as worthless as the idols.

**2 KINGS 17:23**

**23** Finally, the LORD turned away from Israel as he had said he would through all his servants, the prophets. So the people of Israel were

taken from their land to Assyria as captives, and they are still there today.

It was belief in the wrong things that got them where they are, but it will be belief in the right thing that will get you to where you need to be

Israel when they would place their idols before the Lord would always play a cure on the people

WHAT HAVE YOU PLACED OVER GOD?

Where is your belief?

It was proximity to my father that saved me even in a bad move.

What are you close too?

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When talking about belief, an easy question is what are your roots.

- Where is your base?
- Is it what your boss told you?
- Something you heard on tv.
- Is your faith just what your spouse or PARENTS has TOLD YOU?

Has anyone ever called you a liar???

Story - fact check Laura and Facebook.

17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive

## WHAT DO YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN? WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE IN?

PERSONAL STORY - SKYDIVING IN LA - the scale  
It took Belief in the straps but faith to see it through.

Where are you on the scale?

Some of you might be here today and are saying to your self your not good enough. What scale are you looking at?

Because I'm looking at the det that was paid on the cross. Not what this world says you need to do!

You don't have to have all the answers in life. Just believe in yourself and have faith to see your future through!

### Matthew 8:5-8

5 When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. 6 "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

7 Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?"

8 The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. 9 For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

10 When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith."

- THIS MAN WAS NEW IN THE FAITH
- HE WAS HUMBLE (IM NOT WORTHY)
- AND UNDERSTOOD THE POWER OF JESUS.

**John 8:32** --- 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

POINT - **WHAT DO YOU PUT YOUR FAITH IN?**

## The parallel

**JOHN 20:24-29**

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." 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."

- JESUS HAD RISEN FROM THE GRAVE AND THOMAS DID SEE.
- HE HAD TO SEE TO BELIEVE
- THE DOORS WERE LOCKED
- NO MATTER WHAT WALLS YOU PUT UP. JESUS IS THERE.
- MATTHEW 7:7 - "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

POINT - OUR BIGGEST QUESTIONS DESERVE BETTER ANSWERS.

- JESUS HAD SHOWED UP TO BE THE ANSWER.
- and HE IS GOING TO DO IT AGAIN This morning

ONE NEEDED TO SEE AND THE OTHER DIDN'T.

**WHERE ARE YOU ON THE SCALE?**

## **YOUR DOUBT IS NOT DEATH TO YOUR FAITH. ONLY A "CHECK ENGINE LIGHT"**

### **IMAGE - CHECK ENGINE LIGHT**

- TAKE ASSESSMENT OF THE VEHICLE
- QUESTION WHAT'S WRONG
- AND TAKE IT TO THE MECALIC.
- AND THEN GET THE ANSWERS.
- YOU WOULD NEVER TRUST SOMEONE WHO KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT CARS CHECK YOUR CAR.
- TO OFTEN WE ALLOW STRANGERS, FRIENDS, TO TELL US AN ANSWER THAT THEY THEMSELVES KNOW NOTHING ABOUT.

### **WHERE IS YOUR FAITH?**

- Peter denying Jesus.
- His doubt lead him to sin. Let your doubt lead to truth.
- DON'T LET DOUBT LEAD YOU TO SIN, LET IT LEAD TO ANSWERS.
- IS YOUR FAITH/BELIEF ON THE MOUNTAIN TOP AND YOUR DOUBT COVERING THE VALLEY LOW?

CHOOSE TO BELIEVE AND TAKE THAT STEP. SOMETIME IT JUST TAKES A JUMP. SOMETIMES IT JUST TAKES A MOMENT A BRAVERY

### **ALTER ENDING**

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SOME OF YOU DISCOUNT YOUR BELIEF IF GOD JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE DOUBTS.

**YOU KNOW MY DAD HATES WHEN I TELL THIS STORY BECAUSE ITS A MEMORY OF HOW HE ALMOST LOST ME.**

**WHERE IS YOUR BELIEF?**

**WHERE IS YOUR FACE?**

- **1 Thessalonians 2:13** - 13 And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.

**Alter call!**

- **IF YOU DON'T KNOW JESUS, YOU CAN TODAY**
- **SECOND, YOU HAVE ALLOWED YOU DOUBT TO LEAD YOU TO SIN.**
- **AND YOU WANT TO SEE JESUS ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.**

**ENDING**

