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Title: The Benefits of Walking by Faith

Text: John 20:26-3

The post resurrection appearances of Jesus for 40 days helped the believers solidify their faith. But in this story concerning Thomas who doubted His resurrection we learn about how important faith is in our walk with Jesus.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

Having faith benefits us in several ways.

Faith removes the negativity that doubt produces.

v.27 stop doubting and believe

Faith replaces our fears with hope and confidence.

v.27 doubt produces tension anxiety and fear

Fear is the opposite of faith

Faith helps our relationship with Jesus remain sincere.

v.28 My Lord and my God

Hebrews 11:6a - And without faith it is impossible to please God

Faith rewards us with victories over impossibilities.

v.29 blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed

Hebrews 11:6b - because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

1 John 5:15 - And if we know that he hears us-whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him.