**Peace, doubt, and conditional Faith**

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* Fear turns to joy
	+ What changed
* “Peace be with you.”
	+ So much more than just “Shalom” – John 14:27, 16:33
	+ Because Jesus conquered sin and death true and complete peace is finally possible through him
* “As the Father has sent me”
	+ Jesus came to reveal God to the world and to show the truth of the way to him
	+ He now sends the disciples to declare that truth; to declare Jesus
* Late to the party
	+ The disciples kept on telling Thomas they had seen Jesus.
	+ Trust, but verify
* Doubt or conditional faith
	+ Do we ever put conditions on our faith
	+ God, I’ll believe if \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* There’s a stigma attached to doubt in the church
	+ We’re afraid to admit our moments of doubt
	+ What does my doubt say about my faith
	+ What will others think of me if they know I have doubts
	+ Can I be a believer and still have doubts
* Jesus doesn’t condemn Thomas
	+ He speaks peace into his doubt, his anxiety, his grief, and his disbelief
	+ “Don’t be faithless, but believe” – a command
* Doubt turns to praise
	+ It’s not a head thing; it’s a heart thing
	+ Thomas sought a personal experience with Jesus and received more than just proof
* “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”