

April 28, 2019
“Blessed Are Those Who Believe”
(John 20:19-31)

Our Bible passage today is based on a man who has been nicknamed “_____.”

So often when we look at this important passage in John’s Gospel, we focus on Thomas’ _____ and we identify with that.

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

We’re not talking about the smugly _____ - _____ people.

We’re talking about people who have come to _____ with their doubts and have made a _____ of their will to trust in God.

Part of their power is the power of _____.

If seeing is believing, then the converse is equally true, _____ is seeing!

Of course, we have our _____.

We all long for _____. But that is one _____ that God has not granted us.

Undoubtedly, God has His _____.

If His aim is to produce mature spirits fit to spend eternity with Him, it makes sense that He would reveal Himself in His _____ to us.

Such certainty would keep us perpetually _____.

If a child knows their parent will always be there to solve every _____, the child will never develop _____ - _____.

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Mother Teresa – *“I have never had clarity, what I have always had is trust. So I will pray that you trust God.”*

God has His reasons.... probably it is because it is essential to our spiritual _____ to question, ponder, and to _____ God as a thirsty person seeks for _____.

Most of us have _____ enough.

It’s not how much _____ we have that makes the crucial difference in life. It’s how much we _____ God and others!

Think about these words:

“The most creative thing in us is to believe a thing ‘in’.”

Unless you have been taught to _____, the evidence for belief in God is overwhelming.

This is not to say that _____ is to be accepted without careful _____.

God gave us _____ to protect us from gullibility to every silly idea that comes down the pike.

_____ **are a blessing to the world.**

Unknown: *“He who pulls on the oars has no time to rock the boat.”*

An **idiot**: One who turns his or her _____ on the public good in order to look after his or her own _____.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – *“Everybody can be great because everybody can serve.”*

“When evil men plot, good men plan. When evil men bomb and burn, good men must build and bind. When evil men shout words of hatred, good men must commit themselves to the glory of love...”

Do you want to be counted on the side of the believers? Give ALL your heart and life to God, today!