

Season of Pentecost (11/4—11/10)

Theme: *From Doubt to Belief*

Preparing: Psalm 119

Waiting: A time of silent resting in the presence of God.

Reading:

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Monday John 20:24-28

Tuesday John 10:22-30

Wednesday John 10:31-42

Thursday Mark 11:20-25

Friday Matthew 14:22-33

Saturday John 1:10-13

Pondering and Praying:

What word or phrase is attracting your attention?

Re-read the passage and sit quietly with that word or phrase.

Why might the Holy Spirit have drawn you to this word or phrase?

Where might it intersect with your life right now?

Is there an invitation in it from God for you?

Offer to God what has stirred in your heart, as you have rested and reflected in his presence.

Going:

While our first step is a matter of belief and ultimate trust in God, there are many other and some even more difficult steps to take in our movement from doubt to belief. One step along this journey that causes many people to stop and struggle is the step of actually believing God loves them and that they can be loveable in God's sight. This more than any other step along the journey make men and women, young and old, stumble and fall from faith to doubt... We are unwilling or unable to give ourselves the same gentle grace that God offers us and that we believe should be offered to others. Leap from doubt to belief and remember that God loves you, delights in you, and yearns for your response of faith in God and in God's creation —Rueben P. Job

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