# "Mom Said it! That Settles it!" Really?

### The Strongest Faith is a faith that grows through your doubts

Your doubts can lead you <u>closer to God</u>

Faith is a journey, not a destination

"One of the disciples, Thomas (nicknamed the Twin), was not with the others when Jesus came. They told him, we've seen the Lord." But he (Thomas) replied; "I won't believe it unless I see the wounds in his hands, put my fingers into them and place my hand into the wound in his side."

John 20: 24 NLT

"Doubt is not always a sign that a man is wrong; it may be a sign that he is thinking"

Oswald Chambers

"So then (Jesus) told them plainly, Lazarus is dead....let us go to him. Then Thomas ...said to the rest of the disciples. Let us go, that we may die with him.(Jesus)"

John 11:14-16

#### Questions are not a time to panic

Questions are an opportunity to process

"Eight days later the disciples were together again and this time Thomas was with them..."

John 20:26

"The doors were locked; but suddenly as before Jesus was standing among them. "Peace be with you." He said. Then he looks at Thomas, Put your finger here, and look at my hands. Put your hands into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer, Believe!" "My Lord and My God!" Thomas exclaimed" John 20:26 -28

#### God is not distant in your doubts

#### Doubts do not <u>disqualify</u> your <u>faith</u>

Faith is a journey

## God can use your <u>doubt</u> and drive you <u>closer to Jesus</u>

#### Faith is the means to overcome doubt

"even tough I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil because You are with me." Psalm 23:4