

Daily Devotional

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Theme: Doubting Jonah?

Text: John 20:27, NRSV

“Jesus. . . said, . . . ‘Do not doubt but believe’”

Thought:

I CRINGE when I hear the apostle Thomas called “Doubting Thomas.” It seems disrespectful. Personally, I’m grateful to Thomas for asking to see my Lord’s scars. His need for proof helps my faith. After all, the first thing Jesus did for the other apostles was to voluntarily show them His scars so that they would know Him and believe.

Band-aids on my arms intrigued my almost three-year-old grandson, Jonah, when he, along with his mother, daddy and baby sister, Evie, visited me in the hospital. He would say, “Grandma’s sick.”

Some months later, after I returned home, we were keeping Jonah for a few days. He asked, “Are you still sick?” I said, “No, I’m well now.” Very gently, he pulled up each of my sleeves and with one finger softly touched each of my scars, seeing for himself that I was well and that the band-aids were gone. What a sweet and special moment!

What a sweet and special moment it must have been for my Savior after Thomas’ touch and proclamation, “My Lord and my God!”

Prayer: Father, thank You for Your patience with our human doubts and frailties. Thank You for Your grace which heals our wounds and makes us fit for Your kingdom. In Jesus’ name. Amen.