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Is It I, Lord?

Doubt regularly pommels my mind. *Will I have enough money, did I hear God right, will they accept me, am I a good enough wife, friend, mother?* You could probably add a few to this list. Scrolling on social media seems only to exasperate my angst. I am oddly comforted this is not a unique phenomenon.

John the Baptist, still in his mama's belly when Mary showed up at their home pregnant with Jesus, leaped in his mother's womb at the presence of his soon-to-be Lord (Luke 1:41). John recognized Jesus before either were born. But fast forward thirty years and John, now in prison, tells his friends to go ask Jesus if he really is the Messiah or if they should wait for someone else. The man Jesus described as more than a prophet and greater than any ever born, succumbed to doubt and asked a question.

And Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

John 20:29

Heroes of our faith—Abraham, Elijah, David, Esther, Mary & Martha, Peter, just to name a few—experienced something similar. Even at the Passover dinner with His disciples, Jesus said, "One of you will betray me." (Matthew 26) And with deep sorrow in their hearts, one after another they began to say to Him, "**Is it I, Lord?**"

Did you get that? The guys who had been personally tracking with Jesus for three years each questioned whether they might betray Him. What a window into their souls! They all believed in the possibility they could hand Jesus over to their enemies in a moment of weakness.

I am absolutely capable of any imaginable sin if not for God's grace. Yet the question we ask—which sounds like doubt—is really one of humility. When we bring to Jesus our fear, it reveals our trust in Him and opens our hearts to supernatural hope and healing.

Let's continue to turn to the Lord with all our questions and our doubt, believing He will bring restoration in His perfect time.



My FCA Camp Huddle

Praise Report:

- **Faithful** ❤️ of Jesus
- Opportunities to **serve**
- **Strength** to persevere



Infusion Bible Conference



RailCats Baseball Game


Ministry Update

In our last newsletter, we excitedly anticipated a return to the lands of the Bible with **Under The Fig Tree** ministries and teacher George DeJong. Unfortunately, we have yet to get back to Israel. Lord willing, it will happen in 2022. Pray for safety and open doors to return.

In June, we attended the **Infusion Bible Conference** in Nashville, led by teacher, Brad Gray. For three days we received incredible contextual insight into the apostle Paul in his Roman world. Then in July, our **FCA Power Camp** returned in full swing. Yay!! Young athletes learned their sport and discovered the love and pursuit of God. A message we can all use! Hundreds of FCA fans also came for a night of fun at the **RailCats, Back to the Bleachers**, event and were able to hear about Jesus.

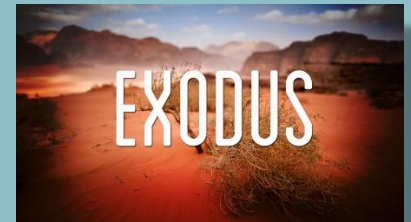
As we head into the Fall, we are thrilled to start mentoring young women again and to partner with multiple women's events. Our **Exodus** study starts Tuesday, September 14th; we will be back in Michigan to put on a **women's retreat** Saturday, October 9th; and on Saturday, November 13th, I will speak at the **RENEW** women's conference in Indiana.

Thank you for continued support and prayers. Please let us know how we can pray for you and how the Lord has been revealing Himself in your life. Our updated website should be up and running soon, so be sure to check out our schedule of events and plan to join us when you can.

We love being on this faith journey with you! 



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Our Next Women's Study

Please Pray for:

- **Scheduling** for 2022
- A **soft** heart
- Increased **wisdom**



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