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*Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Luke 24:38 ESV.*Doubts: a feeling of uncertainty or lack of conviction. Have you ever faced a sneak attack, from the enemy, of doubt? I faced such an assault last week.This is a very transparent story I am sharing with you. A couple of weeks ago, I felt the Holy Spirit nudging me to write a letter. It wasn't an easy letter to write, so I sought Him for the wording. The day I wrote the letter, I actually woke up with, what I felt was His wording for the letter. This came with such peace, that I knew I had heard from Him on the matter.All went well for the next few days. Then, one night as I was falling asleep, a very subtle feeling of unease crept in. I dismissed it, and went on with my life. But slowly but surely the unease led to insecurity which led to condemnation. The condemnation became so strong that I began to doubt anything and everything else I was doing. Along with the doubt, insecurity came fear.The "feeling" was awful. I went back to the Lord, apologizing and repenting if I had misunderstood His assignment. I asked Him to be merciful and gracious to the person I wrote to. Finally, I shared the letter with someone. She knew the person I wrote to. She said, "it's a good letter". That helped.As I went back to the Lord, I heard Him whisper: "doubt". No wonder I was struggling. Doubt is an insidious tool. It subtly caused me to turn my eyes away from the Lord. Focusing on myself is never a good thing. I truly was like James 1:6 says, *but let him ask in faith, or the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.* My emotions had me all over the place.When the Holy Spirit whispered the word "doubt", peace came and it was like a light turned on! I knew I was the victim of a sneak attack by the enemy. What began with the letter, tried to spread to every ministry area in my life. It tried to undermine my calling and my purpose. Doubt and insecurity attempted to steal my confidence in the Lord. They wanted me to focus on myself. This shift in focus distracted me from God's ability.My friends, I felt confident that the letter I wrote, written in love, was an act of obedience. Only God knows what the outcome will be. Part of the letter challenged the works of darkness. I knew of the possible backlash, but was still unprepared for how it came. My friends, obedience isn't always easy. We do have an enemy that does not fight fair. He seeks any entry he can find. He found an area of weakness in my life. I am so grateful for the Holy Spirit and His words of life and truth. The peace of God came immediately.In Mark 9, we find the story of a father bringing his son to Jesus for help. His father asked "*if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us. And Jesus said to him, "if you can! All things are possible for one who believes. Immediately, the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!". (Mark 9: 22-24. ESV.)*The Lord has gone on to show me, what I started in faith, I needed to continue in faith. Praying and believing the words I wrote, spoken in faith and love, would produce the good fruit God intended. When doubt entered in, I stopped praying for the situation. It began to be about me. I've gone back to praying in faith, that He is moving. I'm praying the truth will set free and God's will, will be done.We must continue to grow in our faith. *Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. Romans 10:17.*My friends, don't let doubt and unbelief hinder you from obedience. It is not worth it.*Father, I thank you for your victory. I am humbled by your gracious Holy Spirit who speaks words of life to us. Please teach us how to resist doubt and unbelief by learning Your Word and Your Ways.* |

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