LOrd himself who made these things known to them. This reminder of His plan and purpose would allow them to run to the rest of the company the next day with the happy knowledge of the Lord's resurrection and the fulfillment of all He had promised. Faith always triumphs when it brings us to think of the Lord's victory and how it fulfilled the purposes of God.

c. Faith Triumphs...when It Dispells Our Doubts

Luke 24:36-40.

Thomas is famed for doubting due to the fuller treatment of this account in the Gospel of John. But there is little doubt but what all the disciples entered into his doubts and early in this age were filled with perplexities. But the Lord showed to them all the proof of His resurrection...challenged them to observe that He was not a ghost or a spirit ... and in so doing ended their doubts in the fullness of the knowledge of Himself. Just to doubt is not so bad, so to speak, but to allow the doubts to overcome and bury us...that is tragic. To allow the Lord to show us the proof and then act in belief, that is faith triumphant overcoming doubts. It is the willingness to believe the Lord and accept His provision.

3. Conclusion

Faith is triumphant in many ways and we have sketched just a few. But as a principle of life it allows us to please God and to enjoy His will. The great emphasis is that God is pleased with faith and that we are privileged to act upon it and demonstrate its reality in being obedient to His Word and depending on His promises while we worship and obey Him...without regard to cost or promise.