



“Living By Fact or By Faith” – April 2023

Thoughts to Ponder

1. Losing is hard to handle when you’re personally invested.
 - a. Recall a situation you entered convinced you were a sure-fire winner, only to lose your proverbial shirt.
 - b. Looking back, how did you become so deceived?

2. When life is not going to suit you, do you start feeling sorry for yourself and say things like: “It’s not fair!” and “Why me?”
 - a. If so, does anything productive ever result from your pity parties?
 - b. Do you doubt God’s presence and provision when life rears its unpredictable head?

3. To the disciple Thomas, the news that Jesus was alive seemed too good to be true . . . he demanded proof.
 - a. When you can’t see God at work or feel His presence, does your faith wane?
 - b. “Seeing is believing” . . . is that your mindset?
 - c. Jesus said, “blessed are those who have not seen [Me] and yet have believed.” (John 20:29b NIV) Are you “blessed?”

4. You have no real possibility of seeing what Jesus' first disciples saw.
 - a. The Gospels were written so "you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31 NIV) Do you believe this scripture?
 - b. If so, is Jesus your Savior?
 - C. Are you living the life He died and rose from the dead to make possible for you?

