

Kailua Christian Church
Sunday Message
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Peace
God's Gift For Our Grief
When Believing is Seeing

“Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe.”²⁶ Now a week later His disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.”²⁷ Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see My hands, and bring your hand and put it into My side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and my God!”²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.” John 20:24-29

Peace; wholeness, unrestrained, free growth of the soul in conjunction with others, the removal of estrangement and the new relationship with God through Jesus Christ”

Believing Christ allows God's peace to...

I. Bring comfort and healing in our loss

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➤ ***What loss due to death, brokenness or change would you welcome Christ healing?***

II. Help us see His encouragement to rise up and persevere in living.

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➤ ***Remember a difficult moment when God encouraged you.***

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➤ ***Would you like to give thanks now so to be strengthened for what lies ahead?***