

Memorable
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“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”
– Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

“Keep The Faith!”

You’ll need faith when you can’t win the argument.

“Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly for the next three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God. **But some became stubborn, rejecting his message and publicly speaking against the Way.**”
– Acts 19:8-9 (NLT)

You’ll need faith when God makes you go first.

“By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, **even though he did not know where he was going.**”
– Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)

“The priests will carry the Ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth. **As soon as their feet touch the water, the flow of water will be cut off upstream, and the river will stand up like a wall.**”
– Joshua 3:13 (NLT)

You’ll need faith when the difficult times come.

Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

– 2 Corinthians 11:24-27 (NLT)

Sometimes you just have to “faith it til you make it!”

You’ll need faith when God uses life to develop you.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.
– Romans 5:3-4 (NLT)

You’ll need faith when God makes you wait.

Abram was **seventy-five years old** when he left Haran... Abraham was **a hundred years old** when his son Isaac was born to him. – Genesis 12:4, 21:5 (NIV)