

# 45 Bible Verses on Faith

*From the substance of things hoped for to the fight that is finished*

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Faith is the word Scripture uses most often for the thing that holds a life to God when nothing else can be seen or felt or proven. It is not a feeling you work up. It is not positive thinking. It is a settled confidence in a Person who has never once broken His word — confidence that shows up in what you do, what you ask for, and what you refuse to let go of when everything visible says let go.

**These forty-five verses trace faith from its definition to its finish line.**

## What Faith Is

*Before Scripture tells you what faith does, it tells you what faith is. Start here.*

### Hebrews 11:1

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*

Substance — the Greek is *hypostasis*, a word that means the underlying reality, the ground something stands on. Faith is not a wish about the future. It is the ground under a promise you cannot yet touch.

### Hebrews 11:6

*“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*

Two beliefs hold up everything else: that God is, and that He responds to those who seek Him. Remove either one and faith has nothing left to stand on.

### Romans 10:17

*“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

Faith is not manufactured by willpower. It arrives by hearing — which means the fastest way to grow it is not to try harder but to listen more.

### 2 Corinthians 5:7

*“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”*

Walk — not stand, not merely believe in theory. Faith is a way of moving through ordinary days when the evidence in front of your eyes is not the whole story.

**Habakkuk 2:4**

*“Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith.”*

Centuries before Paul quoted it three times in the New Testament, a prophet waiting on a slow God wrote this down.

## Faith and Salvation

*Faith is the hand that receives what grace has already provided. It has never earned anything.*

**Ephesians 2:8–9**

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*

Through faith, not because of faith. Faith is the channel grace flows through, not a payment that earns it.

**Romans 10:9**

*“That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”*

Mouth and heart. Faith is never only private conviction — it eventually says something out loud.

**John 3:16**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*

Whoever believes. The condition is not a resume of righteousness. It is simply belief.

**Romans 5:1**

*“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Justified — declared right, the case closed. Peace with God is a legal fact faith takes hold of.

**Galatians 2:20**

*“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

Faith is the daily fuel of an entirely new kind of life — one lived by another Person's love.

## Faith Without Sight

*The verses believers return to most in the dark — because faith was built for exactly that.*

**John 20:29**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’”*

Thomas got to touch the wounds. You and I do not. Jesus calls that gap blessed.

**1 Peter 1:8**

*“Whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory.”*

Joy inexpressible — produced not by sight but by believing.

**Romans 8:24–25**

*“For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope... but if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.”*

If you could see it, you would not need to wait for it in faith.

**2 Corinthians 4:18**

*“While we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”*

Faith is a decision about where to aim your attention when the visible world is loud.

**Hebrews 11:3**

*“By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.”*

Even the origin of the visible world is something we take by faith.

## Faith Like a Mustard Seed

*Jesus never asked for a large faith. He asked for a real one — small is enough.*

**Matthew 17:20**

*“So Jesus said to them, ‘Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, “Move from here to there,” and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.’”*

The smallest seed known in that region — and Jesus says that is enough.

**Luke 17:5–6**

*“And the apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ So the Lord said, ‘If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, “Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,” and it would obey you.’”*

The apostles asked for more faith. Jesus answered by describing what a tiny amount can already do.

**Mark 9:23**

*“Jesus said to him, ‘If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes.’”*

Weak faith aimed at a strong God still moves.

**Mark 11:22–23**

*“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God... whoever... does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.’”*

Have faith in God — the object matters more than the intensity.

**Matthew 21:21**

*“Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt... you will also say to this mountain, “Be removed and be cast into the sea,” it will be done.’”*

Doubt is named as the obstacle, not weakness.

## Faith Under Trial

*Faith that has never been tested is a theory. Scripture is honest about what the testing costs — and what it produces.*

**James 1:2–3**

*“My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”*

Count it — a deliberate choice, not a natural reaction.

**1 Peter 1:6–7**

*“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while... you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith... may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”*

Genuineness — the fire does not create the faith, it reveals what was already there.

**Romans 5:3–4**

*“And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope.”*

A chain, each link forged by the one before it.

**2 Corinthians 4:16–17**

*“Therefore we do not lose heart... for our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.”*

Faith doing arithmetic — weighing what is temporary against what is eternal.

**James 1:6**

*“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”*

A wave has no ground under it. Faith is what keeps a soul from being tossed.

## Faith That Acts

*Real faith has hands and feet. The heroes of Hebrews 11 believed, and then they moved.*

**James 2:17**

*“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”*

Not weak — dead. Faith with no action attached was never faith at all, only agreement with a fact.

**James 2:26**

*“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”*

Works do not save faith any more than breath saves a body.

**Hebrews 11:7**

*“By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household.”*

No rain had fallen yet. That is faith's pattern — obedience before the evidence arrives.

**Hebrews 11:8**

*“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.”*

Abraham's faith is defined by trusting the One who had the map.

**Hebrews 11:17**

*“By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son.”*

Faith held the knife because it trusted God more than its own understanding.

## Faith and Prayer

*Prayer is where faith speaks out loud. Scripture ties the two together again and again.*

**Mark 11:24**

*“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”*

Believe that you receive — a settled confidence offered to God before the answer is visible.

**Matthew 21:22**

*“And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”*

The believing shapes how you ask, how you wait, and how you receive.

**James 5:15**

*“And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.”*

A prayer of faith actually expects God to be who He says He is.

**Matthew 9:28–29**

*“Do you believe that I am able to do this?... According to your faith let it be to you.”*

Jesus asks a direct question before He heals. We have to answer it too.

**1 John 5:14–15**

*“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”*

Confidence, not presumption. Faith trusts a Father whose will is good.

## Growing in Faith

*Faith is not static. Scripture speaks of it increasing, deepening, being built up over time.*

### **2 Thessalonians 1:3**

*“We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other.”*

Faith is not received once at full size. It is planted small and meant to keep growing.

### **Romans 1:17**

*“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”*

From faith to faith — each step of trust preparing you for the next.

### **Jude 1:20**

*“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”*

Building — a deliberate, ongoing project.

### **Colossians 2:6–7**

*“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith... abounding in it with thanksgiving.”*

Rooted, built up, established — three images of permanence.

### **1 Timothy 6:12**

*“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called.”*

A fight, not a drift. Growing in faith takes effort against real resistance.

## Faith That Endures

*The last word on faith in Scripture is not a start but a finish. This is where it all leads.*

**Hebrews 12:1–2**

*“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”*

Jesus is not just the example of faith. He began yours and He will complete it.

**1 John 5:4**

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”*

The victory has already overcome, because the One faith is anchored to has already won.

**2 Timothy 4:7**

*“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”*

Paul writes this near the end of his life, from prison, near execution. Kept — held onto to the very last page.

**1 Peter 1:9**

*“Receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”*

The destination faith was always walking toward.

**Galatians 3:11**

*“But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for ‘the just shall live by faith.’”*

The verse that opened this collection through Habakkuk closes it here through Paul.

Forty-five witnesses — a prophet waiting on a slow God, a father building an ark under a clear sky, apostles asking for more and being told a mustard seed is enough, a man in prison near the end of his life saying he had kept it — all pointing to the same conclusion: **faith is not the absence of doubt or difficulty. It is the decision, made again each day, to hold on to the God who has never once let go.**

You do not need more faith than you have right now. You need to spend the faith you have on the God who is worthy of it.

**A CLOSING PRAYER**

*Lord, I believe.*

*Help my unbelief.*

*Where I cannot see, teach me to trust You anyway —  
not because the way is clear,*

*but because You have never failed to keep Your word.*

*Grow what little faith I bring You today  
into something that holds through whatever comes.*

*I am not asking to see the whole road.*

*I am asking to trust the One who does.*

***Amen.***