

Faith in the Fog

How to move forward even when we can't see the finish line

Time:
10-15 minutes

Focus:
Faith, Perseverance,
Suffering

Scriptures

Job 17:9
Job 1:21
Job 2:10
Job 13:15
Job 19:25-26
Job 23:10
Job 42:10
Matthew 11:12
Psalm 37:34
James 1:2-4
1 Corinthians 9:24
Hebrews 12:1
2 Corinthians 5:7

Parking lot

Write down distracting thoughts here:



Settle in

Take a deep breath. Tell God about any areas where you feel tired of trying or believing. Ask him to renew your faith and help you move forward today.



Thought starter

Job 17:9 NLT

The righteous keep moving forward, and those with clean hands become stronger and stronger.

Job is a man in the Bible who went through some of the hardest things anyone could imagine; he lost his family, his health, and everything he owned. But he followed God with a steady, fierce faith.

Through his story, God shows us that it's important to keep moving forward with faith through difficulties. We don't need to see the whole staircase; we just need to take the next step.

Here's what we'll learn in this Quick Quiet Time:

- Being fiercely faithful means moving forward in difficult times, not just surviving them.
- Steady faith may not be flashy, but it's powerful.
- Having a "marathon mindset" will keep us going even when we are tempted to quit.

Job's story: Becoming fiercely faithful

Job couldn't see the outcome of his life, but he didn't give up on God. He kept trusting God even when life got very painful.

Job's faith wasn't perfect: he struggled, and at times questioned God. But he kept walking toward God with unshakeable perseverance.

Let's look at a few quotes from Job that show his fierce faith in God:

Job 1:21 AMP

"The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."



Even in loss, Job worshiped. That's fierce faith in the goodness of God.



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Notes:

Job 2:10 NIV

“Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?”

→ Job reminds us that faith isn’t just for the easy days—it’s for the hard ones too.

Job 13:15 NIV

Even if God kills me, I’ll still put my hope in him. I’ll argue my case in front of him.

→ This is the ultimate mic drop of trust. Job didn’t flinch, even when everything hurt. God didn’t cause the pain in Job’s life; Job was saying, “Even if everything goes wrong, I’ll keep trusting God.”

Job 19:25–26 NLT

“I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.”

→ Job spoke with resurrection-level hope. He looked beyond temporary physical suffering to eternal restoration.

Job 23:10 NIV

But he knows every step I take. When he has tested me, I’ll come out as pure as gold.

→ Job saw purpose in the pain. He believed the fire would refine his life, not destroy it.

Job 42:10 NLT

After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before.

→ Restoration comes after perseverance. Job’s steady steps led to more than he could have ever imagined.

🔥 **Truth bomb:** Job didn’t try to sprint through pain. He sat in it, wrestled with it, and stayed in dialogue with God. That’s spiritual stamina.

- Rather than just trying to endure or survive difficulties, Job took active steps forward, becoming unshakeable in his trust in God.
- Job’s story ends with everything being made right again—not just the stuff he lost, but also how he saw things.
- After going through so many hard times and staying faithful, Job understood God better than before.



Notes:

 Fierce faith and steady steps**Matthew 11:12 NET**

From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people have been seizing it.

Psalm 37:34 ERV

Do what the LORD says, and wait for his help. He will reward you and give you the land he promised. You will see the wicked being forced to leave.

James 1:2–4 NIV

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.



Truth bomb: When it comes to our faith, consistency is greater than intensity.

“Flashy faith” means having intense bursts of faith that don’t last when hard times come. Intense faith is great, but what’s more important is that we keep believing and keep moving forward steadily, even when we face obstacles. Flashy faith fades, while steady faith finishes.

- Steady faith knows that God’s timing is not slow. It’s strategic.
- Steady faith knows that when we feel stuck, we’re actually being strengthened.
- Steady faith knows that what feels like a pause might be prep for the promise.

**The marathon mindset****1 Corinthians 9:24 NIV**

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? **Run in such a way as to get the prize.**

Hebrews 12:1 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us **run with perseverance** the race marked out for us



Lightbulb moment: Running our spiritual race is like running a marathon, not a sprint.

Notes:

- A marathon is a very long race—26.2 miles! No one wins a marathon by sprinting. Winners pace themselves and don't give up.
- That's a lot like following God with steady faith.
- We need to stay in our lane, run our race, and never quit.

Where are you in your marathon?

A marathon has a few key stages that we can learn from spiritually. Here are five stages that we go through in our marathon of faith:

1. The starting line: When our faith is excited.

When a race begins, runners are pumped. They sprint, cheer, and feel unstoppable.

That's like when we first get excited about God. We pray a lot, read the Bible enthusiastically, and make decisions to devote our lives to him.

But if we don't think about the road ahead, we'll run out of steam when our initial excitement wears off.

**Truth bomb:**

Faith isn't about quick results—it's about being fierce and steady. It's our ability to keep going even when we don't see results right away.

2. The steady pace: When we need to stay focused.

Great runners don't chase others. They find their pace and stick to it. Even if someone zooms past, they stay focused.

That's how our walk with God should be—steady and focused. We need to pray every day, read every day, and keep showing up.

**Mic drop:**

Don't compare your pace. Run your race.

3. The wall: When our brain tells us to quit.

Around mile 20, runners hit "the wall." Their legs hurt. Their brain says, "Quit."

That's like when life gets tough and we wonder where God is. The outcome we want seems too far away. But this is where our faith grows strongest.

Just like in a marathon, the wall isn't the end. It's the threshold. When we push through, we'll find strength we didn't know we had.

Spiritual truth: Delay doesn't mean God forgot us. It means he's developing us.

4. The breakthrough: When we take one step at a time.

When runners feel like quitting, they don't think about the whole race. They just focus on the next step.

That's what we need to do when life feels overwhelming. Pray once. Forgive once. Show up once.

Verse reminder: We walk by faith, not by sight. (2 Corinthians 5:7)

Notes:

 5. The finish line: When we experience God's promises.

Crossing the finish line feels amazing. Every hard step was worth it.

That's what it's like when we've trusted God through the hard stuff. He restores us. He blesses us. He shows us that he was with us all along.

 **Mic drop:** Steady faith finishes strong.

**Reflect**

- What stage of the spiritual race are you in? What might God be trying to grow in you at this stage?
- What does “moving forward steadily” look like for you this week? Is it prayer? Forgiveness? Showing up when you don't feel like it?
- What promise from God do you need to hold on to right now? Speak it out loud. Let it anchor you.

**Closing Prayer**

“God, I'm choosing steady over flashy. I want fierce faith—the kind that doesn't quit, doesn't rush, and doesn't lose hope. Help me walk with you, trust your timing, and keep moving forward even when I don't see the finish line. Amen.”

**Humor break!**

Why did the marathoners look so content? Because they had found their happy pace.

**Bonus Scriptures on perseverance****Romans 5:3–5 NIV**

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Philippians 3:13-14 NIV

Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Notes:

Isaiah 40:31 NIV

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Matthew 24:13 NIV

“But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.”

2 Thessalonians 3:13 NIV

And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

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