



Doing My Best by Faith
Doing My Best to Keep and Build My Faith!

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Hebrews 11 (New Living Translation)

1 Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.

- **Doing my best to have confidence that what I hope for will actually happen!**
- **Doing my best to maintain assurance about things I cannot see!**

The only way to please God is to do your best BY FAITH!

Hebrews 11:6 (New Living Translation)

6 And it is **impossible to please God without faith**. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

We have all been given a measure of faith.

Romans 12:3 (New King James Version)

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as **God has dealt to each one a measure of faith**.

I need to do my best to exercise my faith.

2 Peter 1:5 (Amplified Bible)

5For this very reason, adding your diligence [to the divine promises], **employ every effort in exercising your faith** to develop virtue (excellence, resolution, Christian energy), and in [exercising] virtue [develop] knowledge (intelligence),

I exercise my faith by hearing and doing the Word.

Romans 10:17 (New Living Translation)

17 So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ.



James 1:22-25 (New Living Translation)

22 But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. 23 For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. 24 You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. 25 But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, **and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.**

Jesus is the source of my faith.

Hebrews 12:2 (Amplified Bible)

2Looking away [from all that will distract] to **Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith** [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Holy Word is the Source of my faith.

John 1 (Amplified Bible)

1IN THE beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself. 2He was present originally with God. 3All things were made and came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.

14And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

I have the source of faith in me!

Romans 10:8-10 (Amplified Bible)

8But what does it say? **The Word (God's message in Christ) is near you, on your lips and in your heart; that is, the Word (the message, the basis and object) of faith which we preach,**

You can do your best by faith by speaking and confirming some things over your life.

Romans 10:9-10

9Because if you acknowledge and confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and in your heart believe (adhere to, trust in, and rely on the truth) that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10For with the heart a person believes (adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Christ) and so is justified (declared righteous, acceptable to God), and with the mouth he confesses (declares openly and speaks out freely his faith) and confirms [his] salvation.



Isaiah 55:11 (New International Version)

11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Ask God again! Why? So you can keep and build on your faith.

Matthew 7:7 (New Living Translation)

7 "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

James 4:2 (New Living Translation)

2 You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

John 14:13-15 (New Living Translation)

13 You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. 14 Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it! 15 "If you love me, obey my commandments.

Ask God again!

Mark 8:22-25 (New Living Translation)

22 When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man and heal him. 23 Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" 24 The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." 25 Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly.