

Jesus answering saith unto them, **Have faith in God.** Mark 11:22

“If you would find the men who serve God the best, you must look for the men of the most faith. **Little faith will save a man, but little faith cannot do great things for God.** Would you be comfortable and happy? Would you enjoy religion? Would you have the religion of cheerfulness and not that of gloom? Then “have faith in God.” If you love darkness, and are satisfied to dwell in gloom and misery, then be content with little faith; but if you love the sunshine, and would sing songs of rejoicing, covet earnestly this best gift, “great faith.” [Charles H. Spurgeon- edited by Pastor Devers

“Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.” -Abraham Lincoln

### Patrick Henry's Will

In his will, Patrick Henry wrote, “I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is faith in Jesus Christ. If they had that and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich; and if I had not given them that, and had given them all the world, they would be poor indeed.” The bedrock of America is not her financial prosperity but her spirituality. Patrick Henry clearly understood this truth, and so should we.

“The strengthening of faith comes through staying with it in the hour of trial.” -Catherine Marshall

## Faith & Doubt

Some Christians fear they are the only believers who wrestle with doubts. Consequently they build façades of spiritual confidence, but feel like fakes. Fortunately, God understands such frustration and has provided stories of similar struggles to help us in the midst of our doubts.

Many people have heard of John Wesley's conversion at Aldersgate when he wrote of his experience as one in which his heart was “strangely warmed.” He had previously taken a mission trip to America, only to discover he was not a minister but a lost soul. Most of the time the story ends at Aldersgate as if he lived “happily ever after.” But less than a year later Wesley wrote in his journal, “I know that I am not a Christian. I know it because I do not feel that I love God and his Son Jesus Christ as my Savior.” He would later lead England in a great spiritual awakening that sparked revival in America as well. In 1784 he established the formal beginnings of the Methodist denomination. **Even great men of God have doubts.** What we do with those doubts will dictate whether or not our faith is strengthened or weakened.

### What Faith Sees

Doubt sees the obstacles,  
faith sees the way;  
doubt sees the darkest night,  
faith sees the day;  
doubt dreads to take a step,  
faith soars on high;  
doubt questions, “Who believes?”  
while faith answers “I.”

## Lighten Up

### The Phone's For You

Norman Whan is the mastermind behind the Christian telemarketing strategy called “The Phone's for You.” He has been involved in churches calling literally millions of people. Several humorous responses have resulted from the question, “Could we ask you a few quick questions that will help us in putting our program together?” One lady said, “We're Episcopalians, and we don't help anybody!” “We're Jewish! We don't have anything to do with religion,” responded a man. Another lady said, “We're Catholic, so obviously we don't go to church.” [The Phone's for You, Norman Whan, 1988]

### The Donkey

A man bought a donkey from a preacher. The preacher told the man that this donkey had been trained in a very unique way, (being the donkey of a preacher).

The only way to make the donkey go, is to say “Hallelujah!”, the way to make him stop is to say, “Amen!”

The man was pleased with his purchase and immediately got on the animal to try out the preacher's instructions. “Hallelujah!”, shouted the man. The donkey began to trot. “Amen!”, shouted the man. The donkey stopped immediately. “This is great!”, said the man.

With a “Hallelujah”, he rode off very proud of his new purchase. The man travelled for a long time through some mountains. Soon he was heading towards a cliff. He could not remember the word to make the donkey stop. “Stop”, said the man. “Halt!”, he cried. The donkey just kept on going. “Oh No! Bible! Church! Please Stop!”, shouted the man.

The donkey just began to trot faster. He was getting closer and closer to the edge of the cliff. Finally in desperation, the man said a prayer. “Please Dear Lord, please make this donkey stop before I go off the edge of this mountain, in Jesus name Amen.”

The donkey came to an abrupt stop one step from the edge of the cliff. “Hallelujah!” shouted the man