

Stretching our
Imaginations

faith *is...*



1 Corinthians 2:9 (nlt)

No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love Him.

Ephesians 3:20 (ncv)

With God's power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or imagine.

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In **Joshua 1:1-11** we can learn 4 lessons from Joshua's life in serving God.

...WE NEED TO LET GO OF DOUBT

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...Letting go of Doubt

James 1:6-7 (ncv)

Anyone who doubts is like a wave in the sea, blown up and down by the wind... They should not think they will receive anything from the Lord.

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...Letting go of Doubt

Joshua 1:9 (tlb)

Be bold and strong! Banish fear and doubt!

*For remember, the Lord your God is with you
wherever you go.*

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...Letting go of Doubt

What causes us to doubt?

1. Comparing our abilities causes us to doubt our abilities.
2. Remembering our past failures will cause us to self-doubt.

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...WE NEED TO LOOK FOR A PROMISE

Joshua 1:3 (ncv)

I promised Moses I would give you this land, so I will give you every place you go in the land.

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...Look for a promise

Joshua 23:14 (gnb)

Now my time has come to die. Every one of you knows... that God has given you all the good things that He promised. Every promise He made has been kept; not one has failed.

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...Look for a promise

There are 3 promises from God for those who live and serve Him.

1. He promises to give us *strength*
2. He promises to give us *success*
3. He promises to give us *support*

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...Look for a promise

Joshua 1:8 (ncv)

Always remember what is written in this Book... Study it day and night to be sure to obey everything that is written there. If you do this, you will be wise and successful in everything.

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...WE NEED TO LEAN ON GOD

Joshua 1:5 (ncv)

*No one will be able to defeat you all your life.
Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you.
I will not leave you or forget you.*

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...Leaning on God

Proverbs 3:5-6 (nas)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. And do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him. And He will make your paths straight.

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...WE NEED TO LAUNCH OUT IN FAITH

Joshua 1:10-11 (tlb)

Then Joshua issued instructions to the leaders to tell the people to get ready to cross the Jordan River.

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...Launching out in faith

Ecclesiastes 11:4 (tlb)

If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done!

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Ephesians 3:20 (msg)

God can do anything, you know far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, His Spirit deeply and gently within us.

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There is no greater thrill than being used by God. Nothing even comes close to the feeling of when you know that God is using you for His purpose to help somebody else.

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