

Faith Works

The Forge of Faith

Every great story needs a beginning. But it needs more than just a beginning. A great story requires tension, obstacles, and patient perseverance. When we give God our “yes”, even when we don’t know how the story will end, we are walking the path of faith. This path is necessary to become the people God will us to be. But it is easy to forget and hard to remember the reasons we are walking in the first place. Because of that, we all need reminders in our lives who call us back to our “yes”.

Discussion Questions

1. What is one of your favorite stories? It could be from your childhood, a TV show, a book, or a movie. What about that particular story makes it so good in your mind?
 2. There is the first moment when we say “yes” to God. That is the beginning. But a great story requires small, repeated “yeses” over time. What are some of the small, repeated “yeses” you have had to make this week in relation to God? Share and discuss.
 3. Patience, for the Catholic Christian, is not passive. It is the choice to be an active part of what God is doing even in silence. What are some ways that you walk in faith during those times when you need to be patient? Discuss.
 4. Scripture teaches again and again, that trials are necessary for growth. Have you ever had a trial that resulted in tangible or noticeable growth in your character, your faith, or your hope? Discuss.
 5. It can be difficult to remember the unchanging truths God has revealed in the changing circumstances of our lives. What is one way you are able to choose to walk in faith during changing circumstances? Discuss.
 6. Do you have any “reminders” in your life? Markers, Moments, or People who remind you of God and call you back to faith? Please share and discuss.
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God in Real Life

1. This week, recognize that God is calling you to live out your “yes” in small, repeated ways. Write down your “reminders” who lift you up and call you back to faith. If any are people, tell them what they have done for you.
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To the Heart

“...for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” ~1 Peter 1:6-7