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## Doubt + Remembrance = Enduring Faith

*As long as Moses held up his hands, Israel prevailed. When his arms fell, Amalek gained ground. When exhaustion set in, a stone was placed beneath him, and Aaron and Hur stood on either side, holding his hands steady until sunset— so Joshua overcame the enemy. (Exodus 17:11–13)*

But he who endures to the end shall be saved. — Jesus

We all know how doubt works on the golf course. One bad swing erodes confidence, and once confidence slips, the round can unravel fast. We often carry that same pattern into our walk with God: doubt grows, confidence fades, and our minds begin to waver.

But Scripture offers a different picture, and an effective strategy for enduring faith.

One of the Bible's great images of faith appears in Exodus 17: "His hands remained steady until sunset." Here, faith is not a sudden surge of certainty but endurance—faithfulness stretched across time, even when strength is gone. It's less about what Moses believed and more about how long he stood before God with open, weary hands.

Moses didn't conquer doubt; he remained. He stayed present, dependent, and vulnerable. This is not a mind that never wavers—it is covenant loyalty that refuses to let go. In Scripture's first portrait, faith is not the absence of struggle; it is endurance despite it.

The Psalms echo this rhythm. They are filled not with untroubled believers but with honest wrestlers—men and women who bring their questions straight to God. They lament, protest, and plead, yet they return—rehearsing God's past works even as life feels uncertain.

Their strength is not white-knuckled positivity; it is remembered grace. Memory becomes the anchor. Faith endures not by effort alone but by recalling what God has already done. Remembrance enables belief in the face of uncertainty.

At our weakest, the questions rise uninvited:

Where is God in this pain? Why this? Why now? Is he here at all?

We fear doubt because we misunderstand faith. We assume that if God is good, life should not hurt—and if God is love, suffering should not persist. But those assumptions are misguided; they reflect the illusion that God must operate on our terms.

Doubt often tempts us toward answers the evidence cannot sustain. True faith is not blind certainty—it is the courage to remain and remember, to wrestle honestly, believing that God does not wait for us beyond our questions, but meets us inside them.

And often it is in the crucible—where doubt and trust collide—that deeper faith is forged. So take your doubts to God. Bring them into the light with a friend, a pastor, or a community. Reason together. Wrestle. Keep your arms open—held up, when needed, by others' strength.

Corrie ten Boom, who survived Ravensbrück Concentration Camp while losing her sister Betsie there, became known for her enduring faith. She wrote, “When a train goes through a tunnel, and it gets dark, you don’t throw away the ticket and jump off... you sit still and trust the engineer.” And she reminded the heartbroken and bruised, “There is no pit so deep that God’s love is not deeper still.”

So lift your arms—with help if needed. Bend your knees. Wrestle honestly. Remember His goodness. Then your faith will endure to the end.

**Prayer: But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord’s praise, for He has been good to me. (Psalm 13:5–6)**

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