

I'm Stuck in the Middle

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 Message Bible (MSG)

- **That's why we live with such good cheer. You won't see us drooping our heads or dragging our feet! Cramped conditions here don't get us down. They only remind us of the spacious living conditions ahead. It's what we trust in but don't yet see that keeps us going. Do you suppose a few ruts in the road or rocks in the path are going to stop us? When the time comes, we'll be plenty ready to exchange exile for homecoming.**

Quote: When faced with a test, know that there is a thin line between fear and faith. That thin line in the middle is called: Your Perspective.

Hebrew word for Test:

Origin Word: nasah

Phonetic Spelling: (naw-saw')

Definition: to put to the test, tempted, to be tested, to be tried

- **Note : Etham can be considered a spiritual decision point in your life**

Faith isn't the act of knowledge

Faith isn't an act of hoping

Faith is an act of obedience.

Sometimes God will have you go the Wrong Way at the Right Time for the Right Reasons to confuse the Right People

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience."

"So don't lose your bold, courageous faith, for you are destined for a great reward! You need the strength of endurance to reveal the poetry of God's will and then you receive the promise in full."

1. Faith without Obedience is dead.

Faith comes first... and then obedience follows.

Exodus

1. “As Pharaoh approached, the people of Israel looked up and panicked when they saw the Egyptians overtaking them. They cried out to the Lord,
2. and they said to Moses, “Why did you bring us out here to die in the wilderness? Weren’t there enough graves for us in Egypt? What have you done to us? Why did you make us leave Egypt?”
3. Didn’t we tell you this would happen while we were still in Egypt? We said, ‘Leave us alone! Let us be slaves to the Egyptians. It’s better to be a slave in Egypt than a corpse in the wilderness!’”
4. But Moses told the people, “Don’t be afraid. Just stand still and watch the Lord rescue you today. The Egyptians you see today will never be seen again. The Lord himself will fight for you. Just stay calm.””

Psalms

“Even when your path takes me through the valley of deepest darkness, fear will never conquer me, for you already have! Your authority is my strength and my peace. The comfort of your love takes away my fear. I’ll never be lonely, for you are near.” Psalms

Quote: Faith takes God without any “If’s.” If God says it, Faith says, “I believe it”; Faith says “Amen” to it. Dwight Moody

Fear will have you asking “What if” but Faith will have you saying “Even if”

2. Don’t reject your purpose, Have Faith in your purpose.

What do you do when you know your next step could change the world?

- God’s first words back to Moses were these: *“I will be with you...”*.
Exodus

3. You have to have Faith in the Midnight Hour

Exodus

“Then Moses raised his hand over the sea, and the Lord opened up a path through the water with a strong east wind. The wind blew all that night, turning the seabed into dry land. So the people of Israel walked through the middle of the sea on dry ground, with walls of water on each side!”

- **GOD DIDN'T PART THE SEA WHEN THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ASKED HIM**
- **HE DIDN'T SHOW UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DAY BUT DURING THE MIDNIGHT HOUR**
- **GOD SHOWED UP WHEN ALL HOPE WAS GONE**

Acts 16:25-26 (NET): 16:25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the rest of the prisoners were listening to them. 16:26 Suddenly a great earthquake occurred, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. Immediately all the doors flew open, and the bonds of all the prisoners came loose.

The Middle

1. **It is the equal distant from one point of reference to another**
2. **The center of your coming and your going**

Your miracle will become your new norm