James 1:19

*You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder. (NIV)*

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*"It's much easier to believe something that involves no risk of being proven wrong."*

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*"Genuine faith will challenge circumstantial reality regardless of the consequences,"*

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John 1:43-46

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

*43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."*

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*44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.*

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*45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."*

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*46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."* (ESV)

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Mark 10:46-52

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

*46 And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside.*

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*47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

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*48 And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"*

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*49 And Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart. Get up; he is calling you."*

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*50 And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.*

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*51 And Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" And the blind man said to him, "Rabbi, let me recover my sight."*

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*52 And Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way." (ESV)*

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Matthew 14:22-33

*22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.*

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*23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,*

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*24 but the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.*

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*25 During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.*

*26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.*

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*27 But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."*

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*28 "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."*

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*29 "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.*

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*30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"*

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*31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"*

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*32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.*

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*33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." (NIV)*

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Genesis 12:1

*The Lord said to Abram: Leave your country, your family, and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you. (CEV)*

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"Mountain-moving faith is absolute obedience...with absolutely no contingency plan."

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I Corinthians 1:27-29

*27… God deliberately chose things the world considers foolish in order to shame those who think they are wise. And he chose those who are powerless to shame those who are powerful.*

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*28 God chose things despised by the world, things counted as nothing at all, and used them to bring to nothing what the world considers important,*

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*29 so that no one can ever boast in the presence of God. (NLT)*