

GOD IS NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP

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I. POINT OF INTRIGUE

A. **Rick Astley's Never Gonna Give You Up plays** ([play](#))

Ha ha, who remembers that song? Well, a lot of you just showed your age!

It's quite interesting, that song was a worldwide number-one hit, initially in the United Kingdom in 1987, where it stayed at the top of the chart for five weeks and was the best-selling single of that year. It eventually topped the charts in 25 countries, including the United States and West Germany. And is still one of the most relevant songs of the 80's still today.

But what is so interesting, is the fact that a popular, materialistic, and secular song like that can instruct and teach us how to keep our faith strong in the Lord.

Some of you are wondering how. So, let's explore it shall we?

B. Let us pray!

Let's begin with a question: What is Faith?

Faith is defined as the assurance that the things revealed and promised in the Word are true, even though unseen, and gives the believer a conviction that what he expects in faith, will come to pass.

Scripture also gives us direct understanding of what faith is.

Hebrews 11:1-3 states:

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ² For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.

You see in life at times it is hard to have faith. I mean really it is. Believing in something that is not there, come on I really get it. But understand this!

We put more faith into our materialistic things without even realizing that all the faith circles back to God.

When running late to work we hope and wish that we get there on time with no issues at all.

That's an example of faith, we envision ourselves obtaining something that we need to create peace within our lives.

Another example of faith is when we have to take an exam even with preparing or not preparing, we have faith in ourselves that we will pass this exam with no issues at all.

Or maybe you don't have faith in yourself, BECAUSE there is NO substance—you didn't prepare. LOL! Remember, faith is the SUBSTANCE of things not seen. That's the end result.

You see we put so much faith in our own personal things and not in God, but that is so crazy because after all our own personal things do not put their faith in us.

So, if God is the overseer of all things why are we not putting our faith in Him and Him alone?

God is faithful to us, so it is only right that we are faithful to Him

1 Corinthians 10:13 says,

¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the

temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

- God is truly a faithful God.
- God is faithful to us, so it is only right that we are faithful to Him.
- When you are at your lowest who picks you up?
- When you need to wake up the in morning who wakes you up?
- When the funds are not coming in who helps you eat?
- When the division is brought upon us who is gluing us back together?
- When the bruised and broken need to be fixed who brings the healing?
- HE DOES ALL OF THIS BECAUSE OF HIS FAITH TO US! *Even when we are not faithful, He remains faithful.*

II. BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER.

A. So let me go back to my original point.

When we began this morning I said, “It is so interesting, that a popular, materialistic, and secular song like *Never Gonna Give You Up* can instruct and teach us on how to keep our faith strong in the Lord.

So, let us break the chorus down and explain how we can keep our faith strong in the Lord.

Never gonna give you up

Lamentations 3:22-23

Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not. ²³ They are new every
morning; Great is Your faithfulness.

Never gonna let you down

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you.
When you walk through the fire, you shall not be
burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

Never gonna run around and desert you

Deuteronomy 31:8

It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you;
he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be
dismayed."

Never gonna make you cry

Revelation 21:4

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no
more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old
order of things has passed away."

Never gonna say goodbye

Psalm 73:23-26

Nevertheless, I am continually with You; You hold me by my right hand. ²⁴ You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory. ²⁵ Whom have I in heaven but You? And there is none upon earth that I desire besides You. ²⁶ My flesh and my heart fail; But God is the [g]strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Never gonna tell a lie and hurt you

John 14:6

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

GOD IS TRULY FAITHFUL TO US, SO LET US BE FAITHFUL TO HIM

HIS WORD IS IMPLEMENTED IN THE WORLD AROUND US, EVERYDAY.

GOD IS NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP.

JOURNEY OF RUNNING FOR SGA – PERSONAL ILLUSTRATION
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III. LET'S CLOSE IT OUT!

If God is so faithful to us, it is only right that we share his amazing words with those around us. And that ties into our *focus of the month*.

POTS (Prayer on the Spot)

As Christians our Goal is to increase the faith in others and increasing the faith in those around by also increasing the faith in us.

(PICK UP THE PACE) So when people are going through stuff, when people have a hard time understanding things, when people need peace, when people need comfort, when people are hurting and they need a Savior, when people need help ... We have to give them the ability to realize what that faith is.

Let them know who God is, let them know that faith is the trust in God, and give them that hope and that peace that He will work through everything.

POWER on the SPOT!

When someone is going through something, let's pray on the spot. When someone is hurting, let's pray on the spot. When someone needs peace let's pray on the spot. When someone is doing well, let's pray on the spot. And when someone needs Christ LET US PRAY ON THE SPOT!

POTS WITH SGA TEAM – PERSONAL ILLUSTRATION

Faith is about trusting and believing even when it is not there!

So when we pray, we take our worries, we take our guilt, and when we take our problems and praises to God, that is a step of faith that He will work through all things and make them correct and make things right.

That is POTS (Power on the spot). That is exercising our faith, that is renewing our faith, that is **building** our **own** faith and strengthening faith in others by our actions; **THAT IS THE BEAUTY OF FAITH.**

Transition line into Invitation

IV. Invitation