



Faith Under Fire Series

A 12-Lesson Journey Through Enduring Faith

Lesson 1



Faith That Endures

Text: Hebrews 11:1–6 **Theme:** Biblical faith is not passive belief—it is active endurance rooted in God’s promises, proven in adversity, and rewarded by God Himself.

I. What Faith Is: The Biblical Definition

Hebrews 11:1 “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

- Faith is spiritual certainty, not emotional optimism.
- It anchors the soul in unseen realities revealed by God.



Notes:

II. Faith That Pleases God

Hebrews 11:6 “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

- Faith is the only approach that pleases God.
- It believes in His character and pursues Him with confidence.



Notes:

III. Faith That Walks Without Sight

2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

Romans 8:24–25 “For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope... But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.”

- Faith moves forward even when the path is unclear.
- It waits patiently for what God has promised.



Notes:



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IV. Faith That Endures Trials

James 1:2–4 “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.”

1 Peter 1:7 “That the trial of your faith... might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.”

- Trials are not signs of failure—they are the forge of endurance.
- God refines faith through fire, not ease.



Notes:

V. Faith That Receives the Reward

2 Timothy 4:7–8 “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness...”

Hebrews 10:35–36 “Cast not away therefore your confidence... For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.”

- Enduring faith is rewarded—not just in heaven, but in legacy.
- God honors those who finish well.



Notes:



Legacy Reflection

Faith that endures is not loud—it is loyal. It may walk through fire, flood, or famine, but it never lets go of the hand of God. As you begin this series, remember: endurance is not just surviving—it’s trusting, obeying, and finishing with joy.



Personal Reflection:



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Lesson 2



Faith That Is Obediant

Text: Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:5–22

Theme: True faith doesn't wait for proof—it obeys God's Word, even when the world mocks and the outcome is unseen.



I. God's Warning to Noah

Hebrews 11:7 *“By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark...”*

Genesis 6:13 *“And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me...”*

- Faith begins with hearing God's Word—even when the warning is unseen.
- Noah believed judgment was coming, though no one else did.



Notes:



II. Obedience in Detail

Genesis 6:14–16 *“Make thee an ark of gopher wood... and this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of...”*

Genesis 6:22 *“Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.”*

- Faith obeys precisely, not partially.
- Noah followed every detail—not because he understood, but because he trusted.



Notes:



III. Faith That Stands Alone

Genesis 6:5 *“And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth...”*



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2 Peter 2:5 “...Noah... a preacher of righteousness...”

- Noah stood alone in a corrupt world.
- Faith may isolate you—but it never leaves you without God.

 **Notes:**

IV. Faith That Builds What Others Mock

Genesis 6:17–18 “And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth...”

- Noah built for 120 years while others laughed.
- Faith builds what the world calls foolish—because it sees what God has said.

 **Notes:**

V. Faith That Preserves a Legacy

Genesis 7:1 “Come thou and all thy house into the ark...”

Hebrews 11:7 (continued) “...by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.”

- Noah’s obedience saved his family and preserved righteousness.
- Faith leaves a legacy—not just of survival, but of spiritual inheritance.

 **Notes:**

Legacy Reflection

Noah didn’t just build an ark—he built a testimony. His obedience became a dividing line between judgment and salvation. In a world that mocks righteousness, faith still builds, still obeys, and still saves.

 **Personal Reflection:**



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Lesson 3




Faith That Sacrifices

Text: Hebrews 11:17–19; Genesis 22:1–14 **Theme:** Enduring faith doesn't cling to blessings—it surrenders them to God, trusting His character above all.



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I. God's Command to Sacrifice

Genesis 22:2 “Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest... and offer him...”

- Faith is tested when God asks for what we treasure most.
- Abraham's obedience began with surrender, not understanding.



Notes:



II. Obedience Without Delay

Genesis 22:3 “And Abraham rose up early in the morning...”

- Faith doesn't procrastinate—it obeys promptly.
- Abraham didn't argue, delay, or negotiate—he trusted.



Notes:



III. Worship in the Midst of Sacrifice

Genesis 22:5 “I and the lad will go yonder and worship...”

- True worship involves surrender.
- Abraham saw sacrifice not as loss, but as worship.



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 **Notes:**

IV. God Will Provide

Genesis 22:8 *“My son, God will provide himself a lamb...”*

Hebrews 11:19 *“Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead...”*

- Faith trusts God’s provision—even when the altar is built.
- Abraham believed in resurrection before it was ever recorded.

 **Notes:**

V. The Reward of Sacrificial Faith

Genesis 22:12 *“Now I know that thou fearest God...”*

Genesis 22:17–18 *“...in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed...”*

- God honors sacrificial faith with generational blessing.
- Abraham’s obedience became the foundation of redemptive history.

 **Notes:**

Legacy Reflection

Faith that sacrifices doesn’t count the cost—it counts God faithful. Abraham laid his future on the altar, and God gave it back with eternal purpose. In your ministry, your legacy, and your walk—remember: what you surrender, God sanctifies.

 **Personal Reflection:**

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Lesson 4




Faith That Waits

Text: Hebrews 11:11–12; Genesis 18:9–15; Genesis 21:1–7 **Theme:** Enduring faith trusts God’s timing, even when the promise seems delayed, impossible, or forgotten.



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I. The Promise Given

Genesis 18:10 “*And he said, I will certainly return unto thee according to the time of life; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son.*”

- God’s promises are personal and precise.
- Faith begins by hearing and believing—even when the body says “impossible.”



Notes:

II. The Laughter of Doubt

Genesis 18:12 “*Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?*”

- Faith often wrestles with doubt before it rests in trust.
- God doesn’t rebuke honest questions—He answers them with grace.



Notes:

III. The Waiting Season

Hebrews 11:11 “*Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed... because she judged him faithful who had promised.*”

- Faith waits—not passively, but expectantly.

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- Sarah's strength came not from her body, but from her belief in God's character.

 **Notes:**

IV. 🧠 The Fulfillment of the Promise

Genesis 21:1–2 *“And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said... For Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son...”*

- God always keeps His word—on His schedule, not ours.
- The birth of Isaac was not just a miracle—it was a testimony to enduring faith.

 **Notes:**

V. 🙌 Joy After the Waiting

Genesis 21:6 *“And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh, so that all that hear will laugh with me.”*

- The laughter of doubt became the laughter of joy.
- Faith that waits will one day rejoice in the fulfillment.

 **Notes:**

Legacy Reflection

Faith that waits is not weak—it is worshipful. Sarah's journey reminds us that delay is not denial, and impossibility is not final. When God speaks, faith listens, waits, and rejoices when the promise is fulfilled.

 **Personal Reflection:**



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Lesson 5




Faith That Resists

Text: Hebrews 11:24–27; Exodus 2:11–15 **Theme:** Enduring faith resists worldly identity, choosing obedience to God over comfort, prestige, or safety.



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I. Identity Crisis in Egypt

Hebrews 11:24 “By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter...”

- Faith begins with a decision about identity.
- Moses chose to be known by God, not by Egypt.



Notes:

II. Choosing Reproach Over Riches

Hebrews 11:25–26 “Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God... esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt...”

- Faith values eternal reward over temporary comfort.
- Moses saw suffering with God’s people as more honorable than royalty.



Notes:

III. Turning From the Palace

Exodus 2:11–12 “...he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew... and he slew the Egyptian...”

- Moses acted on conviction, not convenience.

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- Faith sometimes requires leaving behind what others envy.

 **Notes:**

IV. 🧐 Seeing the Invisible

Hebrews 11:27 *“By faith he forsook Egypt... for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.”*

- Faith sees beyond the visible world.
- Moses endured because he saw God—not just circumstances.

 **Notes:**

V. 🕊️ Faith That Leads Others Out

Exodus 3:10 *“Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people...”*

- God uses those who resist the world to lead others out of it.
- Moses’ resistance became a rescue mission.

 **Notes:**

Legacy Reflection

Faith that resists is not rebellion—it’s righteousness. Moses turned his back on Egypt’s glory to embrace God’s calling. In a world that rewards compromise, may our faith stand firm, see the invisible, and lead others to freedom.

 **Personal Reflection:**



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Lesson 6



Faith That Suffers

Text: Job 1:6–22; Job 2:1–10 **Theme:** True faith does not collapse under suffering—it clings to God when everything else is stripped away.



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I. A Heavenly Challenge

Job 1:6–12 “...*Hast thou considered my servant Job...?*”

- Satan didn’t choose Job—God did.
- Faith is often tested by divine permission, not demonic initiative.



Notes:



II. Sudden Loss, Steady Worship

Job 1:13–22 “...*The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.*”

- Job lost wealth, servants, and children in one day.
- His response? Worship, not wrath.



Notes:



III. Physical Pain, Spiritual Resolve

Job 2:1–8 “...*smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown.*”

- Suffering intensified—yet Job did not sin with his lips.
- Faith isn’t proven by prosperity, but by perseverance.

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 **Notes:**

IV. The Voice of Despair

Job 2:9 “*Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.*”

- Wow. What an encourager!
- Even Job’s wife urged surrender.
- Faith must sometimes stand alone—even in marriage.

 **Notes:**

V. Holding Fast to God

Job 2:10 “*...Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?*”

- Job’s theology was sound: God is sovereign in both blessing and trial.
- Faith that suffers still trusts.

 **Notes:**

Legacy Reflection

Job’s story reminds us that suffering is not a sign of weak faith—but often the stage where strong faith shines brightest. When stripped of all earthly comforts, Job clung to the eternal. May our faith be as steadfast when tested.

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Lesson 7

Faith That Is Totally Surrendered

Text: Genesis 22:1–14; Hebrews 11:17–19

Theme: Sacrificial faith surrenders completely to God—even when the cost is personal and the outcome unknown.

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I. A Command That Cuts Deep

Genesis 22:1–2 “...Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac... and offer him...”

- God’s command was clear—but emotionally devastating.
- Faith obeys even when the command defies comfort.

Notes:

II. Obedience Without Delay

Genesis 22:3–6 “...Abraham rose up early... and went unto the place...”

- No argument. No delay. Just obedience.
- Faith doesn’t wait for full understanding—it moves at God’s word.

Notes:

III. “God Will Provide Himself...”

Genesis 22:7–8 “...My father... behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb?”

- Isaac’s question pierced the moment.
- Abraham’s answer revealed his faith: God will provide.

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 **Notes:**

IV. Worship on the Mountain

Genesis 22:9–10 “...*Abraham built an altar... and laid Isaac... and took the knife...*”

- Obedience is the highest form of worship.
- Faith lays everything on the altar—even what it loves most.

 **Notes:**

V. Provision in the Thicket

Genesis 22:11–14 “...*Behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket...*”

- God stopped the knife—but not the obedience.
- Faith that obeys is met with divine provision.

 **Notes:**

VI. Resurrection Faith

Hebrews 11:17–19 “...*Accounting that God was able to raise him up...*”

- Abraham believed God could raise Isaac from the dead.
- Faith obeys because it trusts God’s power beyond the moment.

 **Notes:**

Legacy Reflection

Obedience is not blind—it’s believing. Abraham’s faith didn’t just follow God’s command; it trusted God’s character. May our faith be willing to climb the mountain, build the altar, and believe in resurrection—even when the cost is everything.

 **Personal Reflection:**

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Lesson 8




Faith That Waits

Text: Genesis 37:23–28; Genesis 39:20–23; Genesis 41:14–16, 38–40 **Theme:** Faith that waits is not passive—it’s patient, purposeful, and anchored in God’s timing.



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I. From Pit to Prison

Genesis 37:23–28 “...they took him, and cast him into a pit... sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites...”

- Joseph’s journey began with betrayal.
- Faith that waits often starts in a place of rejection.



Notes:

II. Integrity in Captivity

Genesis 39:20–23 “...the LORD was with Joseph... and that which he did, the LORD made it to prosper.”

- Joseph didn’t waste his waiting—he served faithfully.
- Faith that waits still works.



Notes:

III. Called Before Pharaoh

Genesis 41:14–16 “...It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace.”

- Joseph didn’t promote himself—he pointed to God.
- Faith that waits gives glory to the One who opens doors.



Notes:



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IV. Elevated by Providence

Genesis 41:38–40 “...*Thou shalt be over my house... only in the throne will I be greater than thou.*”

- God’s timing brought Joseph from prison to palace.
- Faith that waits is rewarded in God’s perfect moment.



Notes:

V. Purpose in the Delay

Genesis 50:20 “...*Ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good...*”

- Joseph saw the purpose behind the pain.
- Faith that waits trusts that God is weaving good—even through evil.



Notes:



Legacy Reflection

Joseph’s story teaches us that waiting is not wasted when God is at work. His faith endured betrayal, false accusation, and delay—but never lost sight of divine purpose. May our faith wait well, serve faithfully, and trust God’s timing above our own.



Personal Reflection:

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Lesson 9

Faith That Stands

Text: Daniel 6:1–28 **Theme:** Enduring faith stands firm when pressured to conform, trusting God even when the cost is life itself.

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I. A Culture of Compromise

Daniel 6:4–5 “Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel... but they could find none occasion nor fault...”

- Daniel’s integrity was unshakable—even under scrutiny.
- Faith that stands begins with a blameless testimony.

Notes:

II. A Law Against Prayer

Daniel 6:7–9 “...whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days... shall be cast into the den of lions.”

- The law was designed to silence faith.
- Faith that stands refuses to bow to ungodly decrees.

Notes:

III. Prayer Without Fear

Daniel 6:10 “Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed... he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed...”

- Daniel didn’t hide—he prayed openly.
- Faith that stands doesn’t flinch when threatened.



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 **Notes:**

IV. 🦁 Into the Den

Daniel 6:16–17 “...*Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.*”

- Daniel was cast into the lions’ den—but not alone.
- Faith that stands is accompanied by divine presence.

 **Notes:**

V. ✨ Deliverance and Glory

Daniel 6:22–23 “*My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions’ mouths...*”

Daniel 6:26–27 “...*he delivereth and rescueth... who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.*”

- God’s deliverance glorified His name before the nation.
- Faith that stands becomes a testimony to others.

 **Notes:**

🕯️ Legacy Reflection

Daniel didn’t just survive the lions—he silenced the culture’s compromise. His faith stood when others bowed, and God honored it with deliverance and influence. May our faith be just as bold, just as visible, and just as unshakable.

 **Personal Reflection:**



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Lesson 10




Faith That Walks Through Fire

Text: Daniel 3:1–30 **Theme:** Enduring faith refuses to bow to pressure, walks into the fire without fear, and finds fellowship with God in the flames.



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I. Pressure to Bow

Daniel 3:4–6 “...at the time ye hear the sound... ye fall down and worship the golden image... whoso falleth not down shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.”

- The world demands conformity.
- Faith that walks through fire begins by standing tall.



Notes:



II. A Bold Declaration

Daniel 3:16–18 “...Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us... But if not, be it known unto thee... we will not serve thy gods...”

- Faith believes in God’s power—but rests in His will.
- “But if not” faith is the mark of spiritual maturity.



Notes:



III. Into the Furnace

Daniel 3:19–23 “...they were bound... and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.”

- Faith doesn’t always escape the fire—it walks into it.



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- Obedience may cost comfort, safety, or life itself.

 **Notes:**

IV. A Fourth Man in the Fire

Daniel 3:25 “...lo, I see four men loose... and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.”

- God doesn’t always prevent the fire—but He always joins us in it.
- The furnace became a place of divine fellowship.

 **Notes:**

V. Deliverance and Influence

Daniel 3:27–30 “...the fire had no power... nor was an hair of their head singed...”

- Their faith not only survived—it influenced a nation.
- Faith that walks through fire becomes a testimony to kings.

 **Notes:**



Legacy Reflection

The three Hebrew children didn’t just survive—they stood, walked, and witnessed in the fire. Their faith didn’t depend on outcome—it depended on God. May our faith be just as bold, just as surrendered, and just as unshaken when the flames rise.

 **Personal Reflection:**



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Lesson 11




Faith That Kneels Before Lions

Text: Daniel 6:1–28 **Theme:** Faith that kneels in prayer will stand in persecution and rest in divine protection.



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I. A Decree Against Prayer

Daniel 6:7–9 “...whosoever shall ask a petition of any God or man for thirty days... shall be cast into the den of lions.”

- The enemy often targets our communion with God.
- Faith under fire begins with a decision to pray anyway.



Notes:



II. Daniel's Unshaken Devotion

Daniel 6:10 “...he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed... as he did aforetime.”

- Daniel didn't change his habits—he deepened them.
- Faith that kneels is not reactive—it's rooted.



Notes:



III. Into the Den

Daniel 6:16–17 “...thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee.”

- Faith doesn't flinch when the lions roar.



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- Daniel's testimony preceded his trial.

 **Notes:**

IV. A Sleepless King and a Sealed Stone

Daniel 6:18–20 “...then the king arose very early... and cried with a lamentable voice...”

- Even unbelievers recognize true faith.
- The world watches how we respond under pressure.

 **Notes:**

V. Divine Deliverance

Daniel 6:21–23 “...my God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths...”

- God honors faith that kneels before Him.
- The den becomes a platform for God's power.

 **Notes:**



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VI. A Testimony to the Nations

Daniel 6:25–27 “...*I make a decree... men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel...*”

- Daniel’s faith impacted an empire.
- Faith under fire leaves a legacy of influence.



Notes: Legacy Reflection



Legacy Reflection

Daniel didn’t wait for safety to pray—he prayed because God was worthy. His faith didn’t just survive the lions—it silenced them. May we kneel boldly, stand faithfully, and trust fully, knowing our God still shuts mouths and opens doors.



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Lesson 12



Faith That Finishes

Text: Hebrews 12:1–3 **Theme:** Faith under fire doesn't just survive—it finishes the race with endurance, focus, and joy.



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I. The Race Set Before Us

Hebrews 12:1 “...let us run with patience the race that is set before us...”

- Every believer has a course—custom-fit by God.
- Faith that finishes doesn't compare—it commits.



Notes:



II. Laying Aside Every Weight

Hebrews 12:1 “...lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us...”

- Weights aren't always sinful—but they slow us down.
- Faith that finishes travels light and walks clean.



Notes:



III. Looking Unto Jesus

Hebrews 12:2 “...looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith...”

- **Our focus determines our finish.**
- Faith that finishes keeps its eyes on Christ—not the crowd, not the critics.



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 **Notes:**

IV. Enduring the Cross

Hebrews 12:2 “...*who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross...*”

- Jesus didn’t just start—He finished.
- Faith that finishes embraces sacrifice for eternal joy.

 **Notes:**

V. Consider Him

Hebrews 12:3 “...*consider him... lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.*”

- Weariness is real—but so is the remedy.
- Faith that finishes feeds on Christ’s example.

 **Notes:**



Legacy Reflection

The finish line isn’t just survival—it’s surrender, joy, and impact. Faith under fire doesn’t burn out—it burns brighter. May we run with patience, cast off distractions, and fix our eyes on Jesus until the final step.

 **Personal Reflection:**



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