

**HAVE A SEAT**  
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*This illustration opens with two men on stage, standing together. On stage with them are two chairs, one normal height, one a little taller.*

**Man 1:** I tell you. I just can't get the concept of faith. All of these promises of God. I don't see how you put such blind trust in them. I wish I could.

**Man 2:** Actually, faith is something you build. A little at a time. By having one prayer after another answered. That's how you build confidence in God. *(Thinks for a minute)* Here! Let me show you what I mean! *(He takes the normal height chair and sets it down behind Man 1)* Have a seat!

*Man 1 sits down, a bit puzzled.*

**Man 2:** Now, let me put this on. *(Pulls a handkerchief out of pocket and blindfolds Man 1)* Stand up. Let me lead you! *(He leads Man 1 around in circles on the stage and stops him in front of the chair again)* Now, sit down again!

*Man 1 hesitates, puts his hands behind him, and slowly sits down till his hands make contact..*

**Man 2:** The difference between the way you sat down each time is the fact that you could see the chair, right?

**Man 1:** I suppose so.

**Man 2:** But faith based on sight? that's not faith. Stand up again. *(When Man 1 stands up, he spins him around a couple of times, then stops him again with his back to the chair)* Now have a seat!

*This time, Man 1 sits down with only slight hesitation.*

**Man 2:** One more time. *(Pulls Man 1 up to a standing position, spins, and repositions him again)* This time, before you sit, let me assure you. As your friend, I will not let you fall. Now have a seat!

*Man 1 sits with no hesitation at all.*

**Man 2:** Excellent! That took some faith! Now, let's go again. *(Leads him around the stage again and stops him with his back to the chair, but this time the chair is three feet behind him. He moves behind the chair and calls out)* Have a seat!

*As Man 1 sits, just barely slower, Man 2 slides the chair forward to be under him when he gets there.*

**Man 1:** What in the world?

**Man 2:** That was a little variation. The chair got there just as you needed it. I promised you. I wouldn't let you fall. So does God. We just don't always like his timing. Let's try another variation. Stand up! *(As Man 1 stands, he swings the chair out of the way and replaces it with the taller version)* Now sit

down!

*Man 1 begins to sit, but jumps up startled as he makes contact with the higher chair.*

**Man 1:** This is beginning to make me nervous!

**Man 2:** But why? Still a chair. Just not what you were expecting. That's also the way God answers sometimes. The promise is still good. The answer's just not how we wanted the promise fulfilled.

**Man 1:** I'm beginning to get it.

**Man 2:** Now what if I let you fall and really hurt yourself? Would you trust me after that?

**Man 1:** No way!

**Man 2:** I wouldn't either. But God's never let you down, has he? And he never will either. God's promises are like this chair. *(Takes the blindfold off)* You can depend on them seen or unseen. If you have God's word on them, you can trust him. Now, take a seat!

*Each man picks up a chair and walks off the platform.*