



*It's so easy
you can
do it with
your eyes
closed!*

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When Fry gave coworkers samples of the first Post-It notes they were a big hit. But 3M marketers didn't think they'd sell. Yet, the product was a shocking success when the company blanketed Boise, Idaho with free Post-It Notes and order forms. By 1980 the product was sold nation-wide and is now found all over the world. Fry explains it this way: "The Post-It was a product that met an unperceived need. If you had asked somebody what they needed, they might've said a better paper clip. But give them a Post-It Note and they know what to do with it."

Often, faith, too, meets a necessity we don't know we have. Ask most people what they need and they'll give a long list that normally doesn't include a trusting relationship with God. But give them a genuine encounter with him and many know instinctively what to do with it. Each of us uses faith differently and, once you start, you can't stop. Soon, you can't imagine how you did without it.

But faith, like Spencer Silver's mysterious substance, often arises when we're looking for something else and, faith, too, becomes absolutely clear under pressure. But it's narcissistic in the sense that each person's faith must be their own. We can touch others with our faith but, ultimately, it will peel away and leave no trace. The best we can do is demonstrate the awesome potential of living with God at the centre of everything, leaving it to those we influence to find the practical applications for their own lives.

That can take a long time. It's often that people with a pressing need remember a demonstration of faith from years earlier. Even if it's a last resort, that glimpse into the power of God's love can spur them on to explore deeper. And how wonderful it is when someone builds on the experience of another, especially when their newfound faith gets so big it means the removal of walls that limit God's ability to work in their life.

If you're a believer, remember your faithful witness may change somebody's life years from now. If you're a seeker, look deeper into the faith of someone who truly knows Jesus. Keep an open mind and a ready heart and you'll soon discover there's ample reason to be stuck on Him.



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Be A Religious Adherent

The humble Post-It Note was invented only because a chemist grappling with a vexing problem was willing to stick to it.

It was 1964 and 3M employee Spencer Silver was playing with a new adhesive. When he added a certain chemical, the milky liquid turned absolutely clear under pressure.

Describing the substance as not "aggressively adhesive", he noted it was "narcissistic" — it stuck more to itself than anything it touched. When he pressed pieces of paper into it, he could peel them away without any of the adhesive sticking to them.

Intrigued, Silver did demonstrations for his colleagues. "Once you start using them, you can't stop!" enthused one coworker. But nobody could come up with a practical application for the sticky notes. "Sometimes I was so angry," Silver said, "because this new thing was so obviously unique." Its potential was clear. He just didn't know what, specifically, that potential was.

It wasn't until ten years later that a solution to Silver's dilemma finally surfaced, thanks to a problem in church. In his home congregation, 3M chemist Arthur Fry led the choir every Sunday, marking the morning's hymns in his song book using scraps of paper. But one morning he fumbled his hymnal and all his book marks scattered. "If only there was a way to get them to stick to the page," he thought. Almost immediately, he remembered Silver's demonstration from years earlier.

The next morning he hunted down the almost-forgotten adhesive. After working with colleagues to figure out how to stop the glue from coming off on documents, Fry used his basement to build a machine to apply the glue efficiently. Too late, he found it was bigger than his basement door and had to knock out a wall.

