

How many tests have you taken so far? I've taken many. I've passed some with flying colors, and have failed some miserably.

From the beginning, we're taking tests. They start with reading, writing and math (remember those pop quizzes?! Ugh, I hated those). Then come the ones that test our endurance, courage, and character (no grades there, just Pass or Fail) and, soon after, we start getting hit with never ending tests of conviction and faith (those can make you work-up a sweat).

Although we can't choose most of the tests we face, because what's the fun in that, really ?, we can certainly choose how we're going to face them. We do this, first and foremost, by committing to show up. Attendance is mandatory, I've learned. We shouldn't skip life's tests, turns out, because the make-ups are more difficult. So using our personal "Past Lessons Learned" as a study guide (my "Life for Dummies" version has been very helpful, I'm sure you have your own), we show up and confront what may. Second, we pray, just like we did right before those school tests, only more intensely. Lastly, and undoubtedly most importantly, we bring God with us. He knows the material really well, thankfully!

How do you face life's tests, and what are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post...si Dios quiere.

> [Note: In case you're not Spanglish-speaking, "si Dios quiere" means God-willing. Mom finished most of her sentences with that phrase. I added it to my posts sendoff in her honor after her passing].

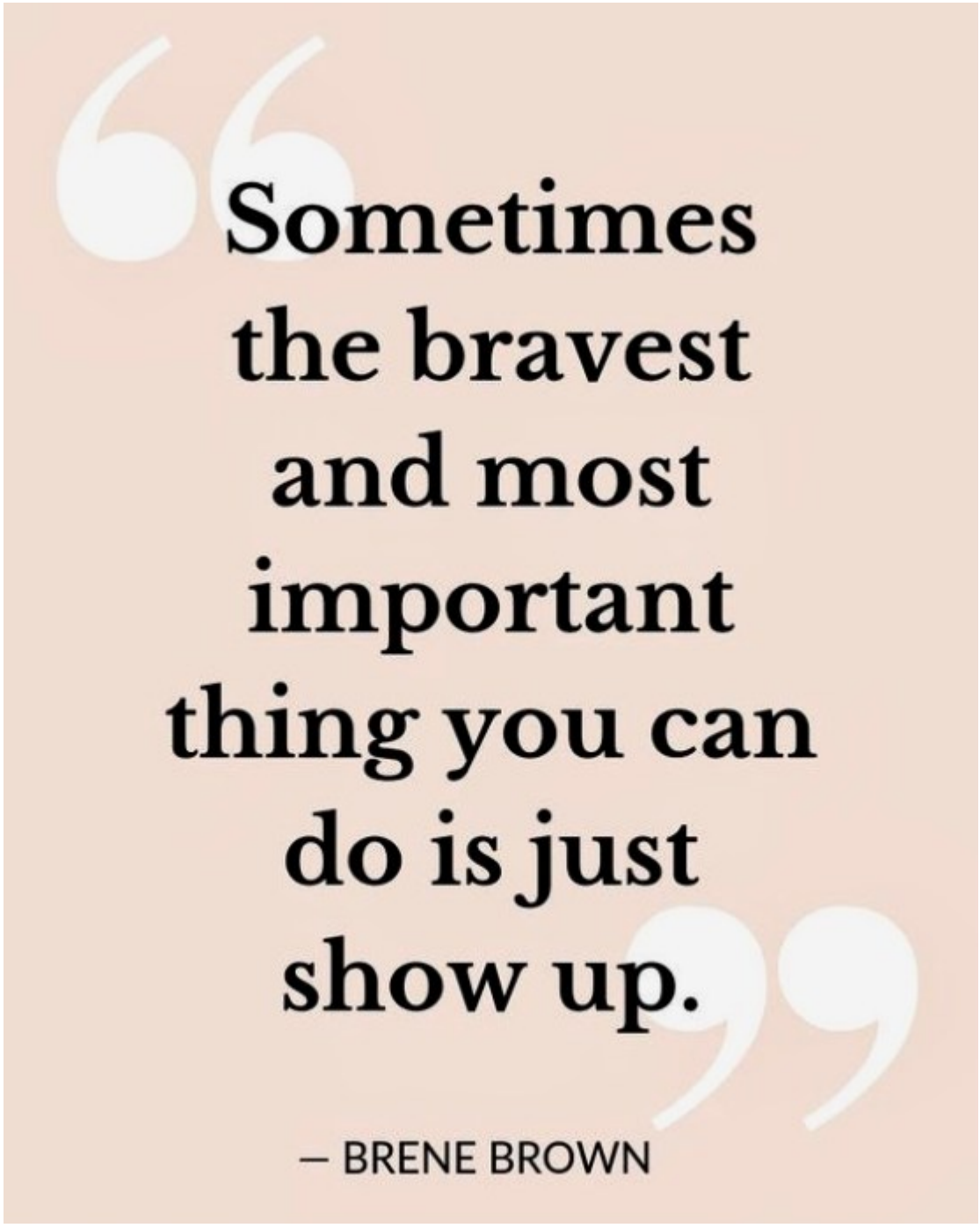
"When He has tested me I shall come forth as gold."
-Job 23:10

"Every test in our life makes us bitter or better, every problem comes to break us or makes

us. The choice is ours whether we become victim or victor."
-L. Dozier

"In school, you're taught a lesson and then given a test. In life, you're given a test that teaches you a lesson."
-T. Bodett

"This life is a test-it is only a test.
If it had been an actual life, you would have received further
instructions on where to go and what to do.
Remember, this life is only a test."
-J. Kornfield



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