

# How God Builds Our Faith

## James 1:2-4

God **BUILDS** our faith by **TESTING** it.

TODAY, we'll see **FOUR WAYS** God **TESTS** our Faith.

Maybe you've **Endured** these **Tests** already...but did you **PASS** the Test?

### 1. GOD TESTS OUR FAITH THROUGH DIFFICULTIES

- If you're a **Child of God** **Nothing** comes into your life without God's **Say-So**. (1 Peter 1:6-7)
- What is the **Furnace of Affliction**? (Isaiah 48:10)
- The **Furnace** of a refiner's fire **HEATS** up **Gold & Silver** so **Impurities** are Burned Away.

### 2. GOD TESTS OUR FAITH THROUGH DEMANDS.

- Every time God gives a **Demand**, the **TEST is...Am I going to Trust what GOD says is Right?**
- **OR** am I going to trust **MY OWN Opinion**...what's right in my **OWN Eyes**?
- **Faith** is often a **RISK**. (Hebrews 11:8)
- When God **SAYS** it, I'm to **DO** it...**Understand it or NOT**.

### 3. GOD TESTS OUR FAITH WITH DOLLARS.

- **Money** is one of the **Greatest Tests of faith** in your life.
- There's a **Definite, Direct Connection** between how I **Handle** my **Money** & my **Spiritual Life**. (Luke 16:11)
- If I want to **GROW In Faith**, I must learn to **REJOICE Continually...OBEY Immediately...** and **GIVE Generously**.

### 4. GOD TESTS OUR FAITH THROUGH DELAYS.

- We **Hate to Wait**...Yet a large portion of life is **spent Waiting** for stuff that really **matters!**
- You need to **Know** that **While you're waiting GOD is There**.
- Rarely will God **Snap** His fingers & give **Instant Answers** to every prayer because He wants you to **GROW in faith**.
- God's **Encouragement** to you again & again in the Bible is...**Don't Give up**.
- Are you **Willing** to pray the **Dangerous Prayer**, "**Lord, Increase my faith?**"