



**TWCC Sermon Connection Outline and Notes: "The Testing of Your Faith - Part 2"**  
 Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**1 Peter 1:6 - 7 (NLT)** - "6 So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. 7 These trials will show that your faith is genuine. **It is being tested** as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So, when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world."

- We see here in these verses of Scripture that our \_\_\_\_\_ can and will be \_\_\_\_\_.
- We shared last week that our faith has to \_\_\_\_\_ and stay \_\_\_\_\_ to endure tests, trials and temptations. How do we \_\_\_\_\_ our **FAITH**? **(1) By \_\_\_\_\_ it and (2) by \_\_\_\_\_ it**
- **When our FAITH grows:** **(1)** Satan's dominion over us \_\_\_\_\_; **(2)** Circumstances become less \_\_\_\_\_; **(3)** \_\_\_\_\_ is destroyed.

**Read John 6:1 - 13 (NLT)**

- We see Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Philip. And, because Jesus our Lord is the Author and Developer of our \_\_\_\_\_: **Hebrews 12:2 (AMPC)** - "Looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader *and* the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]."
- He will school us in, teach us about, stretch and \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.
- These tests reveal three conditions of our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_:
  - **(1) Inward \_\_\_\_\_:** The test reveals you have responded poorly at an increasing rate and you have failed to act obediently.
  - **(2) Inward \_\_\_\_\_:** The test reveals you have not matured but have become stagnant in your growth.
  - **(3) Inward \_\_\_\_\_:** The test reveals you have grown and have responded better than ever.
- **Think of a test you have experienced recently. How did you respond?**
- We are also told to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and see if our faith is genuine.
- **2 Corinthians 13:5 - 6 (NLT)** - "5 Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. **Test yourselves.** Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith. 6 **As you test yourselves,** I hope you will recognize that we have not failed the test of apostolic authority."
- David, one of Israel's greatest leaders, welcomed these \_\_\_\_\_ in his life and leadership.
- **Psalms 7:9 (NKJV)** - "Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but establish the just; for the righteous **God tests** the hearts and minds."
- **The Faith Testing Parameters to \_\_\_\_\_ Ourselves:**
  - #1) - **F** - **F**ocus continuously on God's promises.
  - #2) - **A** - **A**sk God for what you need.

- #3) - **I** - **I**magine God's promises coming to pass in your life.
- #4) - **T** - **T**hank God continually that the promises of God are working in your life 24/7.
- #5) - **H** - **H**ost fast to your confession of God's Word!
- Think of these parameters as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to assist you in understanding the key \_\_\_\_\_ points and parameters you should check.

### ABRAHAM'S FAITH IS TESTED

**Read Genesis 22:1 - 12 (NLT)** In this passage, Abraham is ushered into a \_\_\_\_\_ of faith to reveal the content of his heart.

- It is clear from the passage, that God did not intend to have Isaac executed.
- It was merely a \_\_\_\_\_ for his father, a \_\_\_\_\_ that he passed successfully, proving he had settled the issues of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Some Truths about Testing:**
  - (1) We all experience \_\_\_\_\_ at each stage of our \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Our \_\_\_\_\_ should be to **pass** every \_\_\_\_\_ and **overcome** every \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_ always precedes \_\_\_\_\_ and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (4) Just as a \_\_\_\_\_ is never used until it's \_\_\_\_\_ - so it is with us.

### THE TESTING OF OUR FAITH IN TRIALS AND TROUBLES

**Read James 1:2 - 5 (NLT)** When your \_\_\_\_\_ is tested. You will always face resistance to the will of God and the plan of God for your life; not if, but \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ needing nothing - this is the end goal. Finished and complete in every part lacking nothing.
- The biggest *distractions* and *disruptions* to things that you believe God has called you to see in your life and ministry is unfulfilled \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. This is the position of strength we are to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from.
- This \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith is not a \_\_\_\_\_ test, but a \_\_\_\_\_ test. In other words, a Satanic \_\_\_\_\_ through: (1) contradictory **Circumstances** or through, (2) **Unwitting People**.
- The word \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ means the putting to proof by the experience of \_\_\_\_\_. We are to count it all \_\_\_\_\_ when \_\_\_\_\_ comes in our lives. \_\_\_\_\_ = affliction (Pressure).
  - You need to understand that this adversity you are experiencing right now is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith.
  - The enemy puts \_\_\_\_\_ on what you believe. Pressure on your belief system.
  - **FAITH IS YOUR BELIEF SYSTEM'S INVESTMENT IN THE WORD OF GOD.**
- The key word in this passage is Scripture is: \_\_\_\_\_ (ENDURANCE).
- **Patience** = cheerful endurance (not groaning, moaning, grumbling, or complaining); constancy (to be consistently constant and constantly consistent).
- If you exercise \_\_\_\_\_ and stay \_\_\_\_\_ during the trial (adversity) you will be perfect and complete, lacking nothing!
- \_\_\_\_\_ equals \_\_\_\_\_ and as far as the \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith goes, you either have inward \_\_\_\_\_ or have inwardly plateaued! In other words, you are not going to \_\_\_\_\_ the test!
- **James 1:12 (NLT)** - "God blesses those who **patiently endure testing and temptation**. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him."
  - **Enduring Temptation:** This means those who \_\_\_\_\_ patiently and **FIRM** in \_\_\_\_\_ under trial, victoriously passing the \_\_\_\_\_ of such *pressure*, *problems*, and *pain*; will receive due reward for their \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The \_\_\_\_\_ to step out is worthless, without the \_\_\_\_\_ to stick it out!

