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“Growing Together in God’s Word”



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This week’s featured study

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James 1:2–4 (KJV)

**“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptations;
Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.**

**But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting
nothing.”**

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Welcome

Dear Friends,

Welcome once again to The Favored 1 Magazine, where we continue Growing Together in God's Word. Over the past several weeks, God has been taking us on a journey of faith. We have learned to trust Him with all our heart, to live like Christ, to stand firm in our faith, to walk in the Spirit, to walk with Jesus, to grow through prayer, and most recently, to trust God in the waiting. Each lesson has reminded us that faith is more than something we say we have. Faith is something we live. This week, we take another step by looking at what happens when our faith is tested. It is easy to say that we trust God when everything is going well. But what happens when circumstances become difficult? What happens when our prayers seem unanswered, when the road becomes uncertain, or when we don't understand what God is doing?

These moments can test us, but they can also strengthen us. God can use difficult seasons to develop patience, perseverance, endurance, and a deeper dependence upon Him. The test doesn't mean God has abandoned us. Sometimes the test is where we discover just how much we have learned to trust Him. As we study God's Word this week, my prayer is that we will learn not to run from difficult seasons, but to remain faithful through them. May we remember that tested faith can become stronger faith. May the Lord richly bless you as we continue...

Growing Together in God's Word.

In Christ,

Johan

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From My Heart

One thing I have learned in my life is that when you are being tested, you may not even know you are. If you sit back and look at the situation, you can see when God is testing you to see what direction you will go, will you follow His lead or will you rely on your own decision. If you rely on your own decision, you fail the test. It is very important to recognize when you are in the test in order to make the right decision. God will not allow us to be tempted beyond what we are able to bear.. 1 Corinthians 10:13 "there hath no temptation such as is common to man, but God who is faithful will make way for an escape so that ye may be able to bear it" Remember that the next time you realize you are being tested, there will always be a way out with God.

Weekly Bible Study

When Faith Is Tested

Introduction

Faith sounds simple when we talk about it.

We believe God.

We trust His promises.

We pray.

But eventually, every believer encounters circumstances that put that faith to the test.

A difficult diagnosis.

A financial struggle.

A broken relationship.

An unanswered prayer.

A closed door.

A season of uncertainty.

These moments can cause us to question what we believe.

But Scripture teaches us that the testing of our faith can produce something valuable within us.

James tells us that the trying of our faith produces patience.

Testing doesn't necessarily mean that we are doing something wrong.

Sometimes God uses the difficult seasons of life to strengthen our dependence upon Him and mature our faith.

The question isn't whether our faith will ever be tested.

The question is:

What will we do when it is?

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Four Study Points

1. Testing Doesn't Mean God Has Abandoned You

When difficult circumstances come, one of our first thoughts may be:

"Where is God?" But difficult circumstances don't mean God has left us.

God's presence isn't determined by how comfortable our circumstances are.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (KJV)

"And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee..."

Thought: You may not understand what God is doing, but you can still trust that He is with you.

2. Trials Can Strengthen Our Faith

A faith that is never challenged never has the opportunity to grow stronger.

James tells us that the trying of our faith produces patience. Just as physical strength develops through resistance, spiritual strength can develop through difficult circumstances.

1 Peter 1:7 (KJV)

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth... might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"

Thought: The trial may be difficult, but God can use it to develop something stronger within you.

3. Don't Let Difficult Circumstances Change Who You Trust When things become difficult, we're often tempted to rely on ourselves. We try to figure everything out. We try to control the outcome. We try to make things happen according to our own timetable.

But faith requires us to continue trusting God even when we don't understand.

Proverbs 3:5–6 (KJV)

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.”

Thought:

When you don't understand the situation, don't abandon the One who does.

4. Keep Going

One of the greatest dangers during a difficult season is becoming discouraged and giving up. But Scripture repeatedly encourages believers to remain faithful.

Hebrews 10:35–36 (KJV)

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience...” You may not see the answer today. You may not understand tomorrow. But that doesn't mean you should stop walking with God.

Thought: Don't let a difficult season convince you to give up on a faithful God.

Reflection Questions

- What situation is currently testing my faith?
 - Have I allowed difficult circumstances to affect my trust in God?
 - What has God taught me through previous trials?
 - Am I trying to control something I need to surrender to God?
 - How can I remain faithful while I wait for God to work?
 - What Scripture can I hold onto when my faith is being tested?
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This Week's Challenge

The Tested Faith Challenge

This week, identify one situation that is testing your faith.

Write it down.

Then pray:

“Lord, I don't understand everything that is happening, but I choose to trust You. Strengthen my faith during this season. Help me remain patient, faithful, and obedient. Don't allow this trial to pull me away from You. Use it to bring me closer to You and make me stronger in my walk with Christ. Amen.”

Then each day, remind yourself:

“God is still God, even when life is difficult.”

Closing Encouragement

There will be seasons when our faith is tested.

There will be prayers that seem to take longer than we expected.

There will be moments when we don't understand what God is doing.
But remember:
A test doesn't mean God has left you.
Sometimes the very season we wish would end is the season God uses to strengthen us.
Don't give up.
Don't stop praying.
Don't stop trusting.
Don't stop walking with Christ.
Your circumstances may change tomorrow—or they may not.
But God remains faithful either way.
And when your faith is tested, remember that you don't have to face the test alone.
God is with you in the waiting.
God is with you in the testing.
And God will be with you on the other side.

Closing Scripture

Isaiah 41:10 (KJV)

“Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee...”

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