

# Today My Faith Was Tested

*"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith." 1 John 5:4 (New King James Version)*

A lump of \_\_\_\_\_ must be \_\_\_\_\_ to become precious metal.

## Why Would God Allow Faith To Be Tested?

A. God does allow the testing of our faith:

1. James 1:2-4 - We should \_\_\_\_\_ when we fall into \_\_\_\_\_; it helps us become \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. 1 Peter 1:6,7 - Trials help to show the \_\_\_\_\_ of our \_\_\_\_\_ (similar to the refining of \_\_\_\_\_).

B. Some whose faith underwent testing:

1. Matthew 15:26-28 - This Greek \_\_\_\_\_ endured what seemed to be an \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_. He \_\_\_\_\_ her faith.
2. John 6:68,69 - Unlike other \_\_\_\_\_ who turned away, Peter and the others knew Jesus had the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Job 1:9-11 - Would Job \_\_\_\_\_ God when all his \_\_\_\_\_ were removed?
4. James 5:10,11 - Job \_\_\_\_\_ and saw the end \_\_\_\_\_ by the Lord (His compassion and \_\_\_\_\_).

## Ways In Which Faith May Be Tested

A. "Various trials" mentioned by James:

1. 1:6 - Do we allow \_\_\_\_\_ to keep us from \_\_\_\_\_?
2. 1:22 - Are we \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_, or just \_\_\_\_\_ only?
3. 2:4 - Do we show \_\_\_\_\_ toward those who are \_\_\_\_\_? Or do we look at \_\_\_\_\_ as God does?
4. 3:10 - Does \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ come out of the same \_\_\_\_\_?
5. 4:4 - Have we developed a \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_\_? (If so, we are God's \_\_\_\_\_!)
6. 5:4 - Do we \_\_\_\_\_ others of what is \_\_\_\_\_ theirs?

B. "A gem is not \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_, nor a man made \_\_\_\_\_ without \_\_\_\_\_." (Chinese proverb)

1 John 5:4 - Faith is our \_\_\_\_\_ to overcoming the \_\_\_\_\_.

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