

## How God Increases Our Faith



●How does God help me increase my faith? As you read through the Bible, you find that God helps us do this through very peculiar means:

God stretches, increases, and builds our faith by **testing** it.  
📖James 1:3-5; Job 7:17-18

### God Tests My Faith Through Difficulties.

- How does He do that?
  - ◇ Through **problems, pressures, stresses**, etc.
- There are no **accidents**. 📖1 Peter 1:6-7
  - ◇ Everything in the believers life is "**Father**-filtered".  
📖Romans 8:28
- It means all my difficulties have a **purpose**.
  - ◇ God gives us **custom made** trials. 📖Isaiah 48:10

- How do I respond to difficulties? 📖James 1:2-3
  - ◇ My faith increases when I **rejoice continually**.

### God Tests My Faith Through Demands.

- When He asks me to do something I don't **understand**.  
📖Proverbs 14:12
- God asks us to do the impossible, so we're forced to **depend** on Him. 📖Exodus 16:4
  - ◇ My faith increases when I **obey immediately**.

### God Tests My Faith Through Delays.

- We hate to **wait**.
- Life is full of waiting. 📖Deuteronomy 8:2; Isaiah 64:4
  - ◇ My faith increases when I **wait patiently**.

### God Tests My Faith Through Dollars.

- For many, **finances** are the greatest test of all. 📖Luke 16:11
  - ◇ The Bible teaches there is a direct relationship between how I use my money and my depth of spiritual **maturity** and blessing.
- 📖2 Corinthians 8:7-8
  - ◇ Money not only tests our faith, it tests our **love**.
    - Why would God ask us to give? Three reasons:*
      - ☞ It tests my **faith**.
      - ☞ It demonstrates my **love**.
      - ☞ It's His plan for the **church**.
  - ◇ My faith increases when I **give generously**.