

Devotional: When Faith Is Tested

Christian Devotion on Trials and Testing

Read: Genesis 22: 1-14 (NKJV)

This is an incredible story. What a test of faith this is!"

We all go through times when our faith is tested. Some of us, though, need to take the test over and over. God often allows things to happen in our lives to test our faith in Him. But we can be assured that He will not test or try us beyond what we can handle—though at times it can seem overwhelming.

When going through these times, we still need to lean on God, in fact, we need to lean on Him more. God is not a mean God. He doesn't let us go through times of testing just to be entertained. Not at all. He is our loving Father. He knows that going through these times builds our faith, it builds our character, and we are more able to help those who are going through the same things.

It's much like us as parents. Though we love our kids, we need to allow them to go through the upsets and disappointments in life. Though we'd like to, we can't take their pain away. We also need to let them suffer the consequences of wrong choices. It's so hard to step back, but it's needful so they will learn and grow. I see that with God our Father. He loves us so much and knows what's best for us. And He will never, never give up on us.

If you are going through a time of testing, remember God loves you and He will walk with you. He will bring you back into a time of blessing (as the rest of this chapter reveals). Remember the 'Footprints' poem. If it gets too tough—God will carry you!

For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently. - 1 Corinthians 10:13 (AMPC)

Lord, I pray for your strength
When I am faced with testing
Help me to come through it, Lord,
Into a time of blessing.

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