

HOW DOES GOD TEST OUR FAITH?

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(Genesis 22:2)

Your faith cannot be proven until it has been tested. God cannot trust you until He has tested you. When God administers His faith test it will force you to rely on His Word, character and integrity. I know this sounds simple. However, it is not easy.

Unfortunately, many people do not know God's character. They do not have an intimate relationship with Him. Your relationship with God will determine how you trust Him.

For example, if you know **OF** God's capabilities, yet ignorant of His personality, you will **NOT** have the insight, revelation or wisdom to trust Him in unfamiliar situations. How intimate is your relationship with God?

If your relationship with God is **SHALLOW** you will have a hard time passing His faith test. People who have a shallow relationship with God will honor Him when He blesses them.

However, they will dishonor Him when they **CANNOT** understand His methods. People who have an intimate relationship with God will trust Him when they **CANNOT** trace Him because they **KNOW** Him.

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God will test your faith by giving you a **WEIRD INSTRUCTION** to follow. God will give you a weird instruction to see if you will **ADHERE** to His voice. An instruction exposes rebellion. An instruction exposes believers.

An instruction exposes doubters. You can see the content of a person's character by the way they handle an

instruction. Throughout the entire Bible God gives instructions to **SEE** the measure of a person's faith. God will not give instructions that will be related to your problems.

He will give instructions that will **TEST** your faith. Faith will require you to believe what cannot be readily understood.

**GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS WILL NEVER MAKE
COMMON SENSE. HOWEVER, IT WILL PRODUCE
UNCOMMON RESULTS.**

FOR INSTANCE:

God gave a **WEIRD INSTRUCTION** to Abraham. God told Abraham to kill his only son and offer him as a sacrifice in Genesis 22:2. This is the type of instruction you would scratch your head and question. This instruction was **WEIRD**.

Why would God tell Abraham to kill his only son and offer him as a sacrifice? This instruction seems unfair and irrational. Yet, these are the types of instructions that will test your faith. These types of instructions will force you to utilize wisdom. Not intellect.

Your intellect will tell you God is not fair. Nevertheless, Lady Wisdom will tell you that God will never hurt you. Abraham was willing to obey God's **WEIRD** instruction. He took his son to the mountain top to be sacrificed.

At the moment he was about to kill his son, the angel of the Lord stopped him. God wanted to **TEST** Abraham's faith to see how much he could trust him.

When Abraham passed his faith test, God gave him an **UNCOMMON BLESSING**. He blessed Abraham with many descendants. Genesis 22:18 says, "*Through your descendants all the nations on the earth will be blessed, because you obeyed me.*"

OBEYING A WEIRD INSTRUCTION WILL OPEN THE DOOR TO UNCOMMON BLESSINGS.

Society has a tendency to reject what is weird, strange or misunderstood. Remember this wisdom key. **WHAT IS ACCEPTED BY THE WORLD WILL BE REJECTED BY GOD. WHAT IS ACCEPTED BY GOD WILL BE REJECTED BY THE WORLD.**

All Throughout the entire Bible God has given people weird instructions to follow. Your faith cannot grow in the setting of familiarity. Your faith will blossom in abnormal situations. **GOD WILL NEVER TEST YOU WITH WHAT IS FAMILIAR.** He will test you with abnormal situations.

FOR EXAMPLE:

- If you are selfish, God will **TEST** your faith by instructing you to be generous.

- If you are shy, God will **TEST** your faith by instructing you to speak to a large crowd.
- If you are conservative, God will **TEST** your faith by instructing you to take a risk.

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