



## **TESTING OF OUR FAITH**

### 1. **Definition**

- Testing:
- the proving
- that by which something is tried or proved, a test

### 2. **Methods of testing**

- By demanding great sacrifice – Gen 22:1-2
- By leading men in a difficult way – Deut 8:2
- By giving opportunities for choice – 1 King 3:5
- By proposing hard tasks – Jhn 6:5-6
- By permitting men to suffer – Acts 16:23-24
- By permitting temptation – Jms 1:2-3
- By a strange plan - Jos 6:3
- By reducing your army – Jd 7:7
- By depending on a poor widow – 1 King 17:9
- By demanding her last food - 1 King 17:13
- By requiring, what appeared to be, useless work – 2 King 3:16
- By requiring extensive preparation with no blessing in sight – 2 King 4:3

### 3. **Delayed blessing tests faith**

- Birth of a son – Gen 15:2-5, 21:2
- Sacrifice provided – Gen 22:8-14
- Victory (7 days marching) – Jos 6:12-20
- Messiah – Gen 3:15, Lk 2:25-30
- Healing – Mt 15:22-28
- Relief and resurrection – Jhn 11:6, 32,43-44
- Gift of the Holy Spirit – Lk 24:49
- Deliverance – Acts 12:5-7
- Escape – Ac 27:20-44

### 4. **Results**

- Produces a trust and patience – Jms 1:3
- Produces perseverance – Rom 5:3-4
- Allows a greater flow of God's glory – 2 Cor 4:7

### 5. **Summary**

**Don't back off from your Faith Test**