

Back to Obedience: The Secret of Living by Faith  
A Faith to be Tested  
Genesis 12:10 – 13:18

In her book, *Candles in the Dark*, Amy Carmichael wrote, “Sometimes the enemy comes in like a flood. But then it is time to prove our faith and live our songs.” A faith that can’t be tested, can’t be trusted. Faith is not some abstract concept or intellectual exercise. Faith is something that we use to the point where if we are not exercising faith, we don’t really know if we have it.

1. God will test our faith with circumstances.
2. God will test our faith with people.
3. God will test our faith with possessions.

Satan wants to use circumstances, people, and possessions to tempt us and bring out the worst in us, but God wants to use them to test us and bring out the best in us. 1 John 5:4-5 says, “For whatever is born of God (even those things that test us) overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”