

HAVING FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES
#SermonFaith
God's Promises For A New Year Part 3
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Hebrews 11:6a Without faith no one can please God. (ICB)

James 1:3-4 ...the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ ...so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. (NIV)

How God Tests My Faith in His Promises

1. GOD TESTS MY FAITH THROUGH DEMANDS

Deuteronomy 8:2 ...God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. (NIV)

Psalm 106:24 Then they refused to go into the beautiful land of Canaan because they did not believe what God promised. (ICB)

Exodus 16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. (NIV)

Hebrews 11:8a It was by faith Abraham obeyed God's call to go to another place that God promised to give him. (ICB)

Show faith in God's promises by OBEYING IMMEDIATELY

2. GOD TESTS MY FAITH THROUGH DIFFICULTIES

1 Peter 1:6-7 ...I know, even though you are temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials and temptations. This is no accident—it happens to prove your faith... (PH)

Isaiah 48:10b ...I have tested you in the furnace of suffering. (GW)

James 1:2b-3 ...be very happy when you are tested in different ways. ³ You know that such testing of your faith produces endurance. (GW)

Show faith in God's promises by REJOICING CONTINUALLY

3. GOD TESTS MY FAITH THROUGH DELAYS

Proverbs 19:2b ...impatience will get you into trouble. (TEV)

Psalm 37:7a Rest in the Lord; wait patiently for him to act... (LB)

Psalm 130:5 With all my heart, I am waiting, LORD, for you! I trust your promises. (CEV)

Show faith in God's promises by WAITING PATIENTLY

4. GOD TESTS MY FAITH THROUGH DOLLARS

Luke 16:11 If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? (NLT)

Malachi 3:8, 10 "Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings...¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it." (NIV)

2 Corinthians 8:7b-8b ...See that you excel in the grace of giving...⁸ ...I want to test the sincerity of your love... (NIV)

Show faith in God's promises by GIVING GENEROUSLY