

## The Ultimate Test of Faith



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There comes a time in the life of every believer—as well as in the church—when God puts us to the ultimate test of faith. It's the same test Israel faced on the wilderness side of the Jordan. What is this test?

It is to look at all the dangers ahead—the giant issues facing us, the high walls of affliction, the principalities and powers that seek to destroy us—and to cast ourselves totally on God's promises. The test is to commit ourselves to a lifetime of trust and confidence in his Word. It's a commitment to believe that God is bigger than all our problems and enemies.

Our heavenly Father isn't looking for a faith that deals with one problem at a time. He's looking for a lifetime faith, a lifelong commitment to believe him for the impossible. This kind of faith brings a calm and rest to our soul, no matter what our situation. And we have this calm because we've settled once and for all, "My God is bigger. He is able to bring me out of any and all afflictions."

Our Lord is loving and longsuffering, but he won't allow his people to dwell in unbelief. You may have been tested time after time and now the time has come for you to make a decision. God wants faith that endures the ultimate test, a faith that won't allow anything to shake you from trust and confidence in his faithfulness.

As Israel faced Jericho, the people were told not to say a word, but simply to march. They were focused on the one thing God asked of them: to obey his Word and go forward.

That is faith. It means setting your heart to obey all that is written in God's Word, without questioning it or taking it lightly. And we know that if our hearts are determined to obey, God will make sure his Word to us is clear, without confusion. Moreover, if he commands us to do something, he'll supply us with the power and strength to obey: "Let the weak say, I am strong" (Joel 3:10). "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10).

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