

NEXT STEPS

God often uses trials to lead us toward humility, surrender, obedience, and deeper trust. While we may not understand everything He is doing, we can be confident that He is always at work.

What is one area where God may be inviting you to trust Him more fully right now—rather than resist, control, or question His plan?

What would it look like this week to intentionally place that area in God's hands?

Tested... But Not Broken

GOD HAS A PURPOSE IN THE TESTING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Trials are not meant to be faced alone. God often strengthens us through prayer and community.

Who or what can you be praying for this week—yourself or someone else walking through a season of testing?

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Talk It Over Questions

For the week of February 8, 2026

God Has A Purpose In The Testing

Job 13:15, 23:8-10, Daniel 3:16-18, John 21:15-17, 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or something that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

MY STORY

Trials and struggles often reveal what we truly believe about God—especially when we don't understand what He is doing or why He is allowing certain things to happen.

Where are you currently experiencing pressure, testing, or difficulty in your life?

How have those circumstances been shaping or revealing your faith?

Jesus modeled perfect obedience by surrendering His will to the Father even when obedience led to suffering and the cross. His willingness to say, "Not as I will, but as You will," reminds us that obedience often requires trust and sacrifice, but it also brings hope and life.

Why do you think obedience is often hardest when God's will involves pain, loss, or uncertainty?

Where might God be inviting you to choose obedience over comfort right now?

Job declared that even when he could not see or sense God, the Lord knew the way he was taking and would refine him like gold.

Have you ever walked through a season where God felt distant or silent?

How did that season affect your trust in Him?

DIGGING DEEPER

Throughout Scripture, God uses trials not to destroy His people, but to shape them. Read the following passages and answer the questions below.

Job 23:8-10; James 1:2-4

Trials can develop and reveal character, patience, and perseverance.

- **What qualities does Scripture say God is producing in us through testing?**
- **Why do you think growth so often requires discomfort or waiting?**

Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego trusted God not only for deliverance—but even if deliverance didn't come.

- **What does their response reveal about genuine faith?**
- **What does it look like to trust God even when the outcome is uncertain?**

John 21:15-17

Jesus tested Peter's love, not to shame him, but to restore and redirect him.

- **How can trials reveal what or whom we truly love most?**
- **In what ways can hardship clarify our motives for serving God and others?**

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Paul describes the reality of being pressured, perplexed, and struck down—yet never abandoned or destroyed.

- **Which of these descriptions resonates most with your current season?**
- **How does knowing God has a purpose in the pressure change your perspective?**