

IN TRIALS AND TEMPTATIONS
Faith That Works #1
February 8, 2026

Series Big Idea: Faith that saves is faith that _____.
(James 2:14, 17)

Big Idea: Trials and temptation prove your _____
and produce _____.

THE TEST OF TRIALS (JAMES 1:2-4, 12)

- Trials are _____ stressors that test your faith.
- Trials prove the _____ of your faith.
- Trials produce _____.
- Trials test whether you believe following Jesus is

THE TEST OF TEMPTATIONS (JAMES 1:13-18)

- Temptations are _____ tests of faith.
- Temptations test whether you believe following Jesus is
better than following _____.

DAILY DEVOTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Read Matthew 10:16-32. Why does Jesus, the good shepherd, send His sheep (believers) to live with wolves? What does your response to “wolves” reveal about you? What does endurance have to do with salvation (v. 22)? How does that align with v. 32-33? Faith that saves is a faith that endures persecution in a secular culture. Are you acknowledging or denying Jesus around lost people?

Tuesday: Read Romans 5:1-5. Paul makes clear that we are saved by faith. Faith gives us access to grace that saves us. So why is endurance important? What grows endurance? How is your faith stronger because of suffering? Faith has an opportunity to grow when it’s stressed. Share your story of endurance with someone going through suffering.

Wednesday: Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. These exciting verses foretell the victorious resurrection of Christ followers to imperishable, immortal bodies made for eternal life. Paul said this promise should inspire us to be “steadfast” (v. 58). What is the evidence of steadfastness? Are you “abounding in the work of the Lord”? How? Labor in Christ is not in vain. Don’t waste your life! Invest it in the work of Jesus!

Thursday: Read Colossians 1:9-14. This is such an encouraging prayer. Read it again as if you hear the Apostle Paul praying it for you. Where do we get the strength for endurance (v. 11)? Endurance is not all up to you. Jesus wants you to endure in your faith with patience and joy. He knows how difficult it is to do so (See Hebrews 2:18; 4:11-13). He faced and passed the test of trials and temptations. Ask Him to grow your endurance. He will!!

Friday: Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-14. Here Paul is talking about the test of temptation. The Israelites in the desert didn’t pass the test because they exchanged faith in God for idolatry and immorality. We are all vulnerable to sin by giving into our ungodly desires. What does God do when we are tempted that enables us to endure without giving into sinful desires (v. 13-14)? Don’t take the bait; take the escape and run! Running is more than resisting.