

# Why Does God Test Our Faith?

1 Peter 1:6-9

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Truth: God's goal in every test is to lead you to deeper faith in Him. When you are tested, remember that God is with you in every test, that He is in control during your test, and that He has the power to take care of you during the test.

Truth 3: God is with you in every test.

### **How Do We Know God is with Us?**

1. God is our Father who loves and cares for us through trials.
2. God promises that testing is temporary compared to eternity in heaven.
3. God promises that His tests will refine you and strengthen your faith and hope in Him.

Truth 4: God is ultimately in control even through difficult times.

### **How Do We Know God is in Control?**

1. Everything was created by God and for God, 1 Pet 1:20-22
2. Our hope is in Christ who saved us and the Holy Spirit who is in us, 1 Pet 2:25
3. God is the source of every test with one purpose – to test your faith, 1 Pet 1:7

Truth 5: God has unlimited power to take care of you during the test.  
“who by God's power are being guarded by faith” 1 Peter 1:5

### **What Does God's Power Guard Us from?**

1. God guards our position as His child.
2. God guards our access to Him through Jesus Christ.
3. God's power produces spiritual growth and fruit through the test.

### **What Does God's Power Does NOT Guard Us from?**

1. God does not guard us from pain and suffering when we are tested.
2. God does not guard of from the doubts and fears when we are tested.
3. God does not guard us from the ridicule and attacks from this world.

### **BOTTOM LINE**

God tests us all in different ways at different times to grow us in our faith and trust in Him.