



## It's Different Week 4

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WHY DOES GOD ALLOW THE JUNK? THE BAD STUFF, THE TROUBLE & TRIALS?

1 Peter 1:6-7 LB Even though the going is rough for a while ... These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure.

MY TRANSLATION... LET'S SEE WHAT YOU GOT!

I'VE BEEN IN CHURCH A WHILE...IT'S EASY TO PRAISE WHEN IT'S GOOD!

1 A "FALSE" FAITH WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? HERE ARE 3 EXAMPLES:

INHERITED FAITH MY FAMILY HAS ALWAYS GONE TO CHURCH! IT'S HOW I WAS RAISED! I WAS BAPTIZED AS A BABY! BUT IS IT YOUR FAITH?

Mark 10:22 MSG The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go.

2 SHALLOW FAITH

Matthew 13:21 LB ...he doesn't have much depth in his life, and the seeds don't root very deeply, and after a while when trouble comes...his enthusiasm fades, and he drops out.

WE'VE ALL SEEN IT...SOMEONE IS FIRED UP...ONLY TO BURN OUT! WILL WE PASS THE TEST? TIME WILL TELL AND DUNG WILL SMELL! BUT REMEMBER THIS:

THE DUNG OF LIFE IS THE FERTILIZER! IT CAN HELP YOU GROW!

ONE OTHER NOTE SINCE WE TALKING FLOWER BEDS: BE CAREFUL... THE WEEDS CAN CHOKER YOU OUT TOO!

Matthew 13:22 LB "And what about the seed that fell among the weeds? That is like the people who hear the teaching but let worries about this life and love for money stop it from growing.

3 CONDITIONAL FAITH

I'M GOOD IF IT IS GOING MY WAY... I'M OUT IF NOT!

NOW SOME GOOD NEWS... YOU'RE HEARING THIS! HERE IS WHAT GOD IS TRYING TO TEACH US ALL...ME INCLUDED!

A FAITH THAT HAS BEEN TESTED IS A FAITH THAT CAN BE TRUSTED!

1 Peter 1:7 EEB The purpose of these troubles is to show whether you really trust God.  
THAT'S WHY YOU ARE WATCHING TODAY! YOU'RE WORKING THROUGH IT!  
TRIALS REVEAL YOUR FAITH!

1 Peter 4:12 ERV My friends, don't be surprised at the painful things that you are now suffering, which are testing your faith. Don't think that something strange is happening to you.

WE DON'T LIKE IT...BUT IT'S NORMAL!

JUST DON'T GIVE UP! TRUST HIM! IF WE LET HIM...GOD CAN USE THEM!

James 1:2-4 EEB Troubles can help you. God wants to see if you really trust him. Your faith in God will become stronger as a result of these troubles. So you should continue to trust God all the time. Then you will become stronger as a believer. You will become completely how you should be. Mature!

WE GROW AS OUR FAITH GROWS! LET THAT FERTILIZER WORK!

KEEP TRUSTING!

A TRIAL CAN DRAW YOU CLOSER TO GOD AND CLOSER TO OTHERS...IF YOU LET IT AND LET GOD!