

**Where Is God When Life Gets Tough?**  
***God's Purpose in Suffering #5—Test His Children's Faith***  
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**What have you learned about following Jesus in a Pandemic Culture of Conflict?**

The testing of our faith is usually not about whether we will *believe* in God now, but whether we will *trust* him now. Will we do what he has told us to do and live the way he has told us to live?

**GOD's Story— God's Purpose in Suffering #5: Test His Children's Faith**

- ☐ Perseverance is the Road to Maturity, James 1:2-4
- ☐ The Goal of Grief through Trial is a Proven, Genuine Faith, 1 Peter 1:6-7

**Close to Home Examples of Genuine Faith:**

Losses:

Severe Illnesses:

Incarceration:

Current Trials:

**Question:** How do we persevere through this time and come out with genuine faith? How do we truly trust God right now?

**Answer:** \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ Trusting God in a Pandemic Culture of Conflict, Romans 12:9-21

**Big Idea:**

As Children of God and Followers of Jesus  
We are not overcome by evil  
We overcome evil with good!  
That's our bottom line!

**Right On!**