

Genuine faith

Job 1-24

The book of Job presents us with the opportunity to evaluate the genuineness of our faith and love for God.

“Am I going through these circumstances because I have sinned or because God is growing me spiritually?”

What do I do if I am being tested so I will mature in my faith?

“Believing that God is who he says he is and that he will do all that he has promised.” - Andy Stanley

So... What do I do if I am being tested so I will mature in my faith?

1. Seek God through His Word
2. Admit how hard it is to the Lord and the church
3. Rest in the promises God has made
4. Rejoice in your salvation
5. Remember the reason

The testing of the Lord brings forth maturity.

What do I do if I am being disciplined for my sin?

1. Remember that God disciplines those He loves.
2. Repent and rest in God's forgiveness and grace (Psalm 51)

Steps to true repentance: Psalm 51:1-17

- Acknowledge the specific sin (vs. 1-3)
- Cry out for mercy and forgiveness (vs. 1)
- Trust in the cross of Christ (vs. 7)
- Depend on the Holy Spirit (vs 11)
- Joyfully share (vs. 12-15)
- Pursue obedience (16-17)

3. Press on and persevere

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