



## TALK IT OVER

This Is a Test

### BOTTOM LINE

We don't know exactly what we believe until what we claim to believe is tested.

### CONVERSATION STARTER

If you could be guaranteed one thing in life besides enough money, what would it be and why?

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

### RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/daily](https://newpointe.org/daily)
- [The Purpose of Trials](#) – Short read by Charles Stanley

### KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

*"What is mankind that you make so much of them, that you give them so much attention, that you examine them every morning and test them every moment?" Job 7:17-18 NIV*

*... for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith ... may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. 1 Peter 1:6-7 NIV*

*When troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. James 1:2-4 NLT*

"Everything is Father-filtered. Life is a test. It is a temporary assignment and it's a trust. These are the facts of life. Every moment of the day your faith is being tested." – Dwight Mason

"Every day we have faith-building opportunities. The problem is most of us don't recognize them." – Dwight Mason

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When God tests us, is the test so HE will know our faith, or WE will know? Explain your answer. "Nothing comes into your life without God's permission." In the moment, is it helpful or hurtful for you to know that? Do you love change or struggle with it? What affects how you react? When has a problem driven you closer to God and built your faith? How do you deal with your doubts when you have unanswered prayers? Do you have a tragic loss that still seems senseless? If so, how have you learned to trust God? What would you tell someone else in a similar place? One of the problems with a "thorn in the flesh" is that it easily impacts others around us. How do we deal with it without damaging others? Financial tests come when we have enough, testing our generosity, and when we don't have enough, to test our trust. Where do you do best? Where are you experiencing a trial that you believe God wants to use to grow your faith? How do you think you are doing?

### ACTION STEP

As I evaluate my life, my faith especially needs to grow in this area of testing: \_\_\_\_\_ . I will work with God especially through \_\_\_\_\_ starting this week.