

SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

The Trying of Your Faith

Keep your eyes on Jesus through testing, receive His grace in weakness, and let faith become action.

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The Trying of Your Faith	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, March 1, 2020	Hebrews 12:1-3 ; Romans 5:1-5

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 Rest in what Christ has finished.

- Hebrews says those who believe enter God's rest. Trust His promise rather than treating faith as a frantic effort to secure your own place. ([Hebrews 4:1-3](#))
- Through Jesus Christ, we have been justified by faith and have peace with God. Begin from that gift. ([Romans 5:1](#))
- When testing comes, remember the cross and resurrection. Christ's work is the foundation beneath your trust. ([Romans 4:24-25](#))

"we who have believed do enter that rest"

STUDY [Hebrews 4:1-3](#); [Romans 5:1](#)

02 Keep your eyes on Jesus through trials.

- Hebrews calls us to run the race with endurance and look to Jesus, the author and finisher of faith. ([Hebrews 12:1-2](#))
- The witnesses in Hebrews 11 faced danger, delay, and suffering while continuing to trust God. Difficulty alone does not mean faith has failed. ([Hebrews 11:30-40](#))

- Faith is more than the feeling of a strong moment. Turn your attention back to Christ when fear or discouragement rises. ([Hebrews 12:2-3](#))

“faith isn't necessarily a feeling it's a complete trust in God”

STUDY [Hebrews 12:1-3](#); [Hebrews 11:30-40](#)

03 Learn from Abraham's trust.

- Abraham believed God, and that faith was counted to him as righteousness before a visible outcome or religious sign. ([Romans 4:1-12](#))
- He faced the weakness of his body and Sarah's, yet kept looking to the God who had spoken. ([Romans 4:18-21](#))
- The promise points beyond Abraham: righteousness is counted to those who believe in the God who raised Jesus. ([Romans 4:23-25](#))

“he did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief but was strengthened in faith giving glory to God”

STUDY [Romans 4:18-25](#)

04 Receive grace for hard seasons.

- Through Christ we have access by faith into grace. Ask God for help to live faithfully now. ([Romans 5:1-2](#))
- Tribulation can produce perseverance, character, and hope. The passage does not call pain pleasant; it points to what God can form through it. ([Romans 5:3-5](#))
- The Lord told Paul that His grace was sufficient in weakness. Bring weakness to Him instead of covering it with pride. ([2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#))

“the grace is what's going to empower you through the hard times”

STUDY [Romans 5:1-5](#); [2 Corinthians 12:7-10](#)

05 Keep going with hope.

- Paul endured hardships while remaining concerned for the churches. His example shows persistence joined to love for others. ([2 Corinthians 11:23-29](#))
- When you feel isolated or discouraged, remember Elijah was not the only one faithful to God. Seek His perspective and keep taking the next step. ([1 Kings 19:9-18](#))
- Stay rooted in hope rather than measuring your faith by another person's conduct or your own temporary mood. ([Romans 5:3-5](#))

“you just keep moving in faith and trust in God”

STUDY [2 Corinthians 11:23-29](#); [Romans 5:3-5](#)

06 Let living faith become practical care.

- James calls believers to be doers of the Word, not hearers only. Receive it humbly and act on what it says. ([James 1:21-25](#))
- If a brother or sister lacks food or clothing, kind words without practical help are not enough. Care for the real need. ([James 2:14-17](#))
- Good works do not purchase the salvation Christ gives. They make visible a faith that is alive and responding to Him. ([Ephesians 2:8-10](#); [James 2:18](#))

“faith needs a body faith needs you stepping out”

STUDY [James 1:21-25](#); [James 2:14-18](#); [Ephesians 2:8-10](#)

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How will I endure the test of faith?

What trial is drawing my attention away from Jesus?

Where do I need to trust God's promise before I see an outcome?

What weakness can I bring honestly to His grace today?

Who has a practical need that my faith can help meet?
