WHEN FAITH IS TESTED

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James 1:2-4

Have you ever wondered, "God, where are You leading me? When will my breakthrough come? How will this problem be solved? Why did You allow this to happen? How long must I endure?"

Even the heroes of faith faced such questions. Noah obeyed God without having seen a flood. Abraham waited decades for the promised son. Moses endured years of preparation and hardship before leading Israel out of slavery. Their journeys remind us that God tests our faith not to destroy us, but to develop our endurance, character and readiness for His purposes.

When faith is tested, remember three life-changing truths:

1. **FAITH IS BELIEVING WHEN I DON'T SEE IT.**
   Like Noah, obey God even when His assignment seems impossible and others cannot understand. Don't measure the task only by what you see; measure it by the God who called you.

2. **FAITH IS OBEYING WHEN I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT.**
   Like Abraham, follow God even when you cannot see the whole picture. You may not know where He is leading, when the promise will come, how He will provide or why He allows certain trials. Yet you can trust His wisdom, faithfulness and timing.

3. **FAITH IS PERSISTING WHEN I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT.**
   Like Moses, remain faithful through prolonged hardship. Don't live merely by feelings, which change, but by commitment to God. Through the Holy Spirit's empowering, keep obeying, praying and serving—even when the journey is painful and the outcome seems distant.

Today you may not know what lies ahead, but you can know WHO holds your future! **As we see Him who is invisible, we receive grace to persevere, fulfil His purposes and do the impossible.**

What test of faith are you facing? Identify one area where you are struggling to trust God. This week, take one practical and specific step of obedience, continue praying in faith, and refuse to give up. Let your life demonstrate a faith that believes without seeing, obeys without fully understanding, and persists without knowing how long the test will last.

PRAYER: Dear Lord Jesus, make me a person of faith whom You can use. Teach me to believe when I cannot see, obey when I do not understand, and persist when I do not feel like it. Strengthen me by Your Holy Spirit to trust Your timing, purposes and promises. Whatever test I face, help me to see You, the One who holds my future. In Jesus' name, Amen.