

EXPERIENCING GOD



How to Know & Do God's Will

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WEEK 7: God Tests Our Faith

Memory Verse for the week: Hebrews 11:6

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him."

A Turning Point

A crisis of belief is not a calamity in your life, but a turning point where you must make a decision about God. What you do next determines what you believe about God. Read the following stories in your bible and then describe the crisis of belief:

- Joshua 6:1-5; Judges 6:33,7:1-8, Matthew 17:24-27
- What did each of these people do in response to God's invitation?
- What did their actions say about what they believed about God?

Encounters with God are God-Sized and Require Faith

God doesn't do things small or insignificant. Whenever God involves you in His activity, rest-assured the assignment will have God-like dimensions to it! Your response to God's invitation will require faith. Read the rest of Joshua Chapter 6

- Who gave the city into the hands of the Israelites? When was the victory?
- What kind of faith was required of Joshua and those he led?
- Why does God give His people assignments that we cannot accomplish?
- What "impossible" assignment does God have for you?

Read Hebrews Chapter 11, "The Heroes of Faith"

- What is the one thing each of the people mentioned have in common?
- Despite the outcomes, what was the final result (Hebrews 11:39)?
- What are you being asked to do by God?

This Week

Write down your common every day tasks or significant events in your life that did not require an act of faith. Next, write down as many occurrences you can remember that were acts of faith that you performed in obedience to God.

Meditate on these questions in relation to those items

Which list represents the milestones of your life? How did God work through you during times of obedience in faith? How did that action effect the next time you were obedient?

