

“Tests Of Your Faith”

Lesson Text: **1 Peter 3-9.**

I. When What Is Commanded Seems Contrary To Reason.

- Noah Was Told To Build An Ark- **Genesis 6:13-22; 2:5-6.**
- Abraham Promised A Son In His Old Age- **Genesis 17:1-8; 17:17-19; 18:10-15.**
- Moses Was Told To Speak To The Rock- **Numbers 20:8-11; Psalm 78:16.**
- Creation (**Genesis 1-2**); The Virgin Birth (**Luke 1:34-38**); The Resurrection (**Acts 17:31-32**); The End Of The World (**2 Peter 3:3-7**).

II. When The Thing Commanded Appears To Be Wrong.

- God Told Abraham To Offer His Son Isaac- **Gen. 22:1-13; Heb. 11:17-19.**
- Peter Was Told To *“Kill And Eat.”* **Acts 10:9-16; vs. 28-29.**

III. When God Commands Something

Which Is Contrary To Our Personal Preference.

- Naaman Preferred Better Waters- **2 Kings 5:10-14.**
- **1 Corinthians 1:21-23.** The Jews Preferred Signs/Greeks Wisdom.
- Many Prefer: *“A Holy Spirit Experience”* – *“The Sinner’s Prayer”* – *“Faith Alone.”*
- Many Prefer: Instrumental Music; Fellowship Halls; Youth Ministers; Entertainment...

IV. When We See No Connection Between The Command And The End Result Or Goal.

- Joshua And Israel To March Around Jericho- **Joshua 6:1-21; Hebrews 11:30.**
- Jesus Told Peter To Cast Their Nets On The Other Side- **Luke 5:5-8.**
- Jesus Told The Man Born Blind To Wash In The Pool Of Siloam- **John 9:3-7.**
- Some Fail To See The Connection Of Baptism And Forgiveness- **Acts 2:37-38.**

V. When We Are Commanded To Do Something That Seems To Be Hurtful To Our Own Welfare.

- Elijah Asks The Widow Of Zarephath To Give Her Last Meal To Him- **1 Kings 17:8-16.**
- Jesus Told The Rich Young Ruler To Sell Possessions- **Luke 18:22-23.**
- The Apostles Are Told To Go Speak In The Temple- **Acts 5:18-21.**
- Early Christians Surrendered Their Lives- **Revelation 2:10; Revelation 12:11.**

VI. When Obeying God Means Turning From Our Family Religion.

- King Josiah Destroys The Idols Of His Father And Grandfather- **2 Chronicles 34:1-7.**
- Paul Abandoned The Traditions Of His Fathers To Follow Christ- **Galatians 1:13-16.**
- Idolaters Turned From False Gods To The Real God- **1 Thessalonians 1:6-10.**
- Many Have Left Denominationalism, Liberalism, Radicalism, Cults, Atheism...