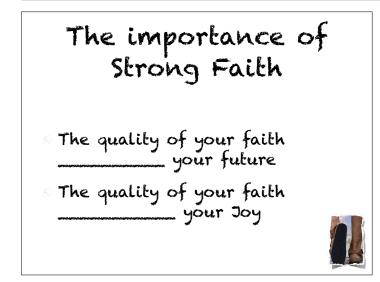
Faith Building Tests

Following Jesus

1Peter 1:6-7



"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24 (NLT)



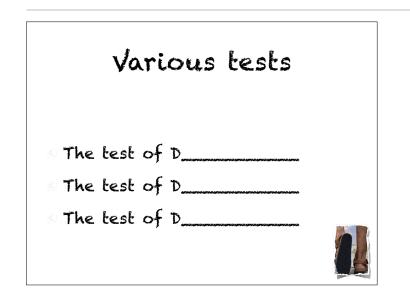
"After Jesus left the girl's home, two blind men followed along behind him, shouting, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" They went right into the house where he was staying, and Jesus asked them, "Do you believe I can make you see?" "Yes, Lord," they told him, "we do." Then he touched their eyes and said, "Because of your faith, it will happen." Matthew 9:27–29 (NLT)

"And it is impossible to please God without faith. Hebrews 11:6 (NLT)

## God uses \_\_\_\_\_ to Increase your Faith



"So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. 1 Peter 1:6–7 (NLT)



Continuously

"We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials. Romans 5:3 (NLT)

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. 1 Peter 1:6 (NIV84)

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, James 1:2 (NIV84)

## \_ Generously

"If you cannot be trusted with worldly riches, then who will trust you with true riches? Luke 16:11 (NCV)

"Give, and you will receive. You will be given much. Pressed down, shaken together, and running over, it will spill into your lap. The way you give to others is the way God will give to you." Luke 6:38 (NCV)

## Immediately

"Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. Exodus 16:4 (NIV84)