

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

Tested, Tried and True

Worksheet 16: **February 25, 2016**—*trust*

Faith is not proven faith until it is tested faith! “Our faith will be tried faith, and **if it be of the true kind, it will bear continued trial without yielding,**” says Charles Spurgeon. The Holy Spirit will sustain us in time of testing, trial and trouble, and will restrain us from bailing out!

“Dare to trust Him; dare to follow Him!
And discover that the very forces which barred
your progress and threatened your life,
at His bidding become the materials of which an avenue is made at liberty.”
F. B. Meyer

“Afflictions cannot injure when blended with submission...
Lord, give me my life for a prey,
and in the hardest places help me today to be victorious.”
—Mrs. Charles E. Cowman

“A faith that can’t be tested can’t be trusted.”
—Warren Wiersbe

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Psalm 119:71

Psalm 139:23-24

Galatians 6:4

James 1:2-3

1 Peter 4:12-13

Scripture to Memorize:

James 1:12 “*Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised.*”

Prayer Requests and Praises:

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Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. In Psalm 4:5, identified as an evening Psalm of Confidence, David exhorted even his enemies to: “Offer **right sacrifices** (do in accordance with God’s ordinances) and **trust in the LORD**”, and it reminds us, today, to trust and _____!

2. **2 Chronicles 32:31b**—“God left him (Hezekiah), to **try him**, that He might know all that was in his heart.” **Proverbs 17:3** “The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD **tests the heart**.” **1 Thessalonians 2:4b** “We are not trying to please men but **God, who tests our hearts**.” God tests our hearts to prove us true—as He did with Job! Who is it that tests and tries us to mock God: to show us up as failures; to show us up as untrue? _____.

3. **The Psalmist invites God to ‘test’ him**. On the front side we looked up Psalm 139:23-24—read it through again, and place the following ‘asks’ that David made of the LORD in order—**numbering the boxes 1-6**.
 - Test** me
 - See if there is any offensive way in me
 - Search** me
 - Lead** me in the way everlasting
 - Know** my anxious thoughts
 - Know** my heart

“The most brilliant colors of plants are to be seen on the highest mountains
 in spots that are the most exposed to the wildest weather.
 Trials give brightness and blessing to life.”

—Mrs. Charles Cowman

Recommended Reading:

- Adversity*, Dr. Charles Stanley
The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Three Steps Forward Two Steps Back, Charles R. Swindoll

MEMO

Date: TODAY
To: YOU
From: GOD
Subject: YOURSELF
Reference: LIFE

Today I will be handling all of your problems for you. I do not need your help. Have a nice day, and remember that I love you.



PS: If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box, and I will handle it. All situations will be resolved in My time, which is perfect. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life right now.

- If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.
- If you have a bad day at work; think of the man who has been out of work for years.
- If you are in despair over a relationship gone bad; think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return.
- If you grieve the passing of another weekend; think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children.
- If your car breaks down, leaving you miles away from assistance; think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk.
- If you should notice a new grey hair in the mirror; think of the cancer patient in chemo who wishes she had the hair to examine.
- If you find yourself at a loss and pondering what life is all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.
- If you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities; remember that things could be worse: You could be one of them!

God has seen you struggle, and He says it's over!

Quotes on faith and trust during testing, trial and trouble:

Margaret **Bottom**e—“A man (woman) has as much religion as he (she) can show in times of trouble.”

Mrs. Charles E. **Cowman**—“The very hardships that you are enduring in your life today are given by the Master for the explicit purpose of enabling you to win your crown.

- “How can we be ‘more than conquerors’? We can get out of the conflict a spiritual discipline that will greatly strengthen our faith and establish our spiritual character. ...Thorns do not prick you unless you lean against them, and not one touches without His knowledge.
- “The meaning of trial is not only to test worthiness, but to increase it; as the oak is not only tested by the storms, but toughened by them.
- “We need to have appropriating faith in regard to God’s promises. We must make God’s Word our own personal possession.”

J. I. **Packer**—“‘*He knoweth the way he taketh*’ even if for the moment we do not.”

Charles H. **Spurgeon**—“Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is. The way we cope with it is what makes the difference.

- “Well may we court trial or even death itself if we shall thereby be aided to **make glad** Immanuel’s heart.
- “Are you exposed to difficulties and dangers? Stand fast in the evil day, remembering that you are Christ’s.
- “He who would glorify his God must set his account upon meeting with many trials. No man can be illustrious before the Lord unless his conflicts be many.
- “Remember that we have no more faith at any time than we have in the hour of trial. Fair-weather faith is no faith.”

Henry **van Dyke**—“...there are a million ways of pleasing God, but not one without faith.”

- “The ones who know only how to enjoy, and not to endure are ill-fitted to go down the stream of life through such a world as this.”



R. **Jeanene Moore**—(several years ago)

“God brought us to it, and he’ll bring us through it.
For God to turn us in the direction of His using,
he may turn us from the direction of our choosing.”