



Life's Greatest Tests

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Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance...Blessed is a man who endures trials, because when he passes the test he will receive the crown of life that He promised to those who love Him. James 1:2-3, 12 HCSB

THE FOUR TESTS OF FULLY DEVELOPING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

The Life of Abraham – Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19 HCSB

- **Test #1 – A _____**

By faith, Abraham, when he was called by God, obeyed and went out to a place he was going to receive as an inheritance; he went out not knowing where he was going. Hebrews 11:8 HCSB

For Additional Study: Genesis 12:1-9

A fully developing follower of Jesus Christ will _____
_____ without knowing _____.

- **Test #2 – A _____**

By faith he stayed as a foreigner in the land of promise, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, co-heirs of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. Hebrews 11:9-10 HCSB

For Additional Study: Genesis 13-14

A fully developing follower of Jesus Christ will _____
_____ without knowing _____.

- **Test #3 – An _____**

By faith even Sarah herself, when she was barren, received power to conceive offspring, even though she was past the age, since she considered that the One who had promised was faithful. And therefore, from one man – in fact, from one as good as dead – came offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as innumerable as the grains of sand by the seashore. Hebrews 11:11-12

For Additional Study: Genesis 17:15-22, 18:1-15, 21:1-6

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_____ without knowing _____.

- **Test #4 – A _____**

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac; he who had received the promises was offering up his unique son, about whom it had been said, "In Isaac your seed will be called." He considered God to be able even to raise someone from the dead, from which he also got him back as an illustration. Hebrews 11:17-19

For Additional Study: Genesis 22:1-19

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_____ without knowing _____.

God, thank you for the conversation this summer. We have learned once again that You can be _____!

Memory Verse

Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. James 1:2-3

Next Steps:

- I will learn to trust God with my next major change, delayed promise, impossible problem, or senseless tragedy. My way of handling things isn't working.
- I will model this new way of handling life issues so that my family and friends will witness and discover the peace of God.