# VICTORY IN CHRIST HOW TO PASS LIFE'S GREATEST TESTS

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"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance."

James 1:2–3 (NIV)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." **James 1:12 (NIV)** 

#### FOUR LIFE TESTS Life of Abraham Hebrews 11:8 12, 17 19

1. TEST #1:
"By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." <b>Hebrews 11:8 (NIV)</b>
For study: Genesis 12:1-7
ANSWER: God without knowing
2. TEST #2:
"By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God." <b>Hebrews 11:9–10 (NIV)</b>
For study: Genesis 13 & 14
ANSWER: for God's timing without knowing

3.TEST #3: An Impossible
"It was by faith that even Sarah was able to have a child, though she was barren and was too old. She believed that God would keep his promise. And so a whole nation came from this one man who was as good as dead—a nation with so many people that, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore, there is no way to count them." Hebrews 11:11–12 (NLT)
For study: Genesis 17:15-22, 18:1-15, 21:1-6
ANSWER: a miracle without knowing God intends to do it.
4.FTEST #4: A Senseless
"It was by faith that Abraham offered Isaac as a sacrifice when God was testing him. Abraham, who had received God's promises, was ready to sacrifice his only son, Isaac, even though God had told him, Isaac is the son through whom your descendants will be counted. Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring him back to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son back from the dead."  Hebrews 11:17–19 (NLT)
For study: Genesis 22:1-19
ANSWER: God's purpose, His love and His character
without knowing
TWO QUESTIONS
➤ Which of these tests are you going through now?
➤ Are you willing to apply the answer?

### My Next Steps Today:

- ✓ I will memorize James 1:12 (NIV)
- ✓ I want to baptized when COVID19 is over
- ✓ I am accepting Christ for the first time
- ✓ I am recommitting my life to God
- ✓ I want to Join the New Life Church Family
- ✓ Send me more information about online bible study

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