

The name of the game is faith and trust.



SOMETIMES GOD LETS OUR FAITH BE TESTED RIGHT TO THE BRINK in order to prove that it's real faith. He can even make it appear as if He is being a little too hard on us, so we're tempted to think, "How could God let that sort of thing happen?" The Devil is always around to try to make us doubt and even criticize God, like he did with Job.

We've got to be willing to trust God, live or die, sink or swim, like Job. Despite the loss of everything dear to him, Job kept trusting God. He finally overcame, and in the end God gave him back more than he had lost. Job's is one of the most glorious testimonies in the whole Bible. In the face of suffering and defeat and discouragement, his faith carried him through.

That's the greatest victory of all—when we seem to be defeated and still trust God. He must really be pleased with that kind of faith. "This is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith" (1 John 5:4). God loves to watch us make it in spite of all the tests and trials. He loves to watch us run and win the race, endure the affliction, and fight through to victory!