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When a Little Dab Won't Do -pt2

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God has Chosen to Give Every Man

- **Chore** -mission
- **Chance** -opportunity
- **Challenges** -problems
- **Confidence** -enabling faith

○ **Rom 12:3**, "God has given every man a measure of faith"

○ **Matt 17:20**, "Faith as a Grain of Mustard Seed say to this mountain"



Challenges: Problems ...Problems ...Problems



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Problem #1 - Uneasy Task - Exhausting Day
Problem #2 - Uneasy Timing - Severe Storm
Problem #3 - Uneasy Temp - Sinking Ship
and.....Sleeping Savior.

Remember(23)

- **Jesus Led into this Storm**
- **They Followed Him Right into a Crisis**
- **God's Will isn't Always Smooth Sailing**

WARNING



**CHALLENGES
AHEAD**

**Chance-
Opportunity of Faith**



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Faith in God

...Doesn't Make Things Easy

...It Makes Things Possible

**CHALLENGES
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**JUST
A LITTLE FAITH**



Lessons in Faith was Upon Them

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There is a Difference in...

"Little Faith"

and

"Faith as a...

...Grain of Mustard Seed"

A dramatic scene from the Bible depicting Jesus standing on a boat, leaning over the side in a white robe. He is reaching out with his right hand to grasp the arm of Peter, who is in the dark, turbulent sea. Peter is looking up at Jesus with a desperate expression. The background shows a dark, stormy sea under a dark sky.

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Little Faith

Puny

- Confidence in Self
- Conviction - Problem
...bigger than God
- Confusion / Loss

Mustard Seed Faith

Powerful

- Confidence in God
- Conviction - God
...Bigger than Problem
- Conquest / Gain



THE FAITH TEST



Three Principles on the Life of Faith:

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Three Principles on the Life of Faith:



- Faith must be Challenged...
...not Pampered
- Faith is not a Life Absent of Conflict...
...but of Conquest in Conflict
- Faith that has Not Been Tested...
...Cannot be Trusted

Only God can turn a
MESS into a *message*...
A **TEST** into a *testimony*...
A **TRIAL** into a **TRIUMPH**...
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#1 - God Allows Tests:

- **Search Self -**
...that we might Discover Ourselves.
- **Strengthen Self (inner) -**
*...He testing will Strengthen us
...Give validation to our testimony!!!*
- **Step Beyond Self -**
...His tests destroy all Self-Sufficiency.

Romans 5:4 "Because of our Faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. We can rejoice, too, when we run into PROBLEMS AND TRIALS, for we know that they help us DEVELOP ENDURANCE. And ENDURANCE DEVELOPS STRENGTH OF CHARACTER, and CHARACTER STRENGTHENS our Confident HOPE of SALVATION. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how DEARLY GOD LOVES US, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners."

Going forward

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A bar of iron worth \$5.00

- *Wrought into horseshoes is worth \$10.50.*
- *If made into needles it is worth \$350.*
- *Made into penknife blades it's worth \$3,285.*
- *Made into springs for watches it is worth... \$250,000.*

The More it is Manipulated, Hammered and Passed Through the Heat, Beaten, Pounded, and Polished... *the Greater Its Value.*

**When you are going
through something
hard and wonder
where God is,
remember the
teacher is always
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#2- With Each Test Comes:

- Threat-

- Unexpected

- although common to area,

- Unprepared

- although seasoned fishermen

- Test-

- Response

- Responsibility

- Testimony

- He was There All the Time!!!

Passed





Passed /

1 Peter 1:7 "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."

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