

**HOW TO PASS LIFE'S GREATEST TESTS**  
Encouraging Words From God's Word - Part 5 of 6  
Hebrews 11:8-19  
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James 1:2-3, 12 "Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance ... 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 to those who love Him."

**THE FOUR TESTS OF A REAL BELIEVER**  
(Life of Abraham - Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19)

1. TEST #1: **MAJOR CHANGE** (vs. 8)

"By faith Abraham, when called to go ... obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going."

For study: Genesis 12:1-7

\* A real believer will \_\_\_\_\_ without knowing  
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II. TEST #2: **DELAYED PROMISE** (vs. 9-10)

"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 promise. For he was looking forward..."

For study: Genesis 13 & 14

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**III. TEST #3 AN IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEM (vs. 11-12)**

"By faith Abraham, even though he was past age -- and Sarah herself was barren -- was enabled to become a father because he considered God faithful who had made the promise."

For study: Gen. 17:15-22, 18:1-15, 21:1-6

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**IV. TEST #4 A SENSELESS TRAGEDY (vs. 17-19)**

"By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice ... even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned."

"Abraham reasoned that God could raise the dead, and figuratively speaking, he did receive Isaac back from death."

For study: Gen. 22:1-19

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Which of these tests are you going through now?

How do you rate as a believer?