

## HOW GOD GROWS OUR FAITH

This Is Us – Rick Warren  
Part 1

“The apostles said, ‘Lord, increase our faith!’” Luke 17:5

“Without faith, it is impossible to please God.” Hebrews 11:6

Jesus: “According to your faith will it be done to you!” Matthew 9:29

“Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment, so that you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous.” Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

### 2 WAYS GOD GROWS OUR FAITH

#### 1. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

“Faith comes from hearing God’s message, and God’s message is heard through THE WORD of Christ.” Romans 10:17 (NIV)

#### 2. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

“When your faith is tested, your character has a chance to grow.” James 1:3

### 4 TESTS

#### 1. GOD TESTS & GROWS OUR FAITH THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

“‘I know what I’ve planned for you,’ says the Lord. ‘I have good plans for you. I don’t plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future!’” Jeremiah 29:11 (ICB)

“God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams!” Ephesians 3:20 (The Message)

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#### 2. GOD TESTS & GROWS OUR FAITH THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

“These things that I plan for you won’t happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)

“God acts on the behalf of those who wait for him.” Isaiah 64:4

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#### 3. GOD TESTS & GROWS OUR FAITH THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus: “If you can’t wisely handle worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches of heaven?” Luke 16:11

Paul to Christians: “You do everything better than anyone else. You have stronger faith . . . so you must give more generously than anyone else.” 2 Corinthians 8:7 (CEV)

Jesus: “Give, and God will give it back to you. You’ll receive a full measure—pressed down, shaken together, running over, and spilling into your lap! For with whatever measure you use to give, it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38 (NIV)

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#### 3. GOD TESTS & GROWS OUR FAITH THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

“Dear friends, do not be surprised when you suffer painful troubles. These things are testing your faith. So do not think that something strange is happening to you.”

1 Peter 4:12 (ICB)

“These trials and troubles are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold.” 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

“Then Jesus told them plainly, ‘Lazarus has died, but I’m glad that I wasn’t there so that you can grow in faith. Let’s go to Lazarus!’” John 11:14-15

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