

## A FAITH THAT PASSES THE TESTS OF LIFE

James: A Faith That Works When Life Doesn't – Part 23

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“... when tests and challenges come at you from all sides, know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors.”

James 1:2–3 (The Message)

“God looks down from heaven on the whole human race to test and see who is acting with understanding and truly seeking Him.”

Psalms 53:2

“Examine yourselves to see if your faith is really genuine. TEST yourselves!”

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NLT)

## YOUR FAITH IS BEING TESTED THESE DAYS

Through 5 Cultural Flashpoints

*Viral Infirmity*

*Social Instability*

*Financial Insecurity*

*Racial Inequality*

*Political Incivility*

Covid-19

Violence in Cities

Shaky Economy/Out of Work

Will Anything Change?

Bitterness & Blaming

## GOD IS TESTING OUR FAITH THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

“King Uzziah had a contagious skin disease for the rest of his life and had to live in quarantine. He was not permitted to set foot in the Temple of God. So his son, Jotham, managed the royal palace and governed the nation.”

2 Chronicles 26:21 (The Message)

“My friends and companions must keep their distance because of my plague.”

Even my relatives must stay far away.”

Psalms 38:11 (ESV)

## WHEN DO PLAGUES HAPPEN IN THE BIBLE?

3 (of many) Reasons

### 1. WHEN WE ignore God's rules for living

“The people soon forgot God and what he'd done for them, and they wouldn't wait for God's plan. Instead, they became greedy and they let their cravings run wild. They tested God's patience. So God gave them what they wanted, BUT he sent a plague along with it.”

Psalms 106:13–15 (NLT)

### 2. WHEN WE allow injustice and \_\_\_\_\_

God: “A short time ago, you repented and did what was right. You freed your countrymen who had been slaves. You even made a covenant with me about this in my Temple. But now you've changed your mind and dishonored me. You've enslaved them again in a new slavery. Therefore, here's what I'm going to do: Since you've disobeyed me by not giving freedom to ALL of your countrymen, I'm going to give you some 'freedom' – freedom to die by a war or a plague or famine! And you'll be considered a disgrace by the other nations of the world.”

Jeremiah 34:15–17

### 3. WHEN leaders sin and disobey God

“David prayed to God, ‘Was it not I who ordered this? I'm the one who has sinned and done wrong! These people are innocent. What have they done? So, O Lord my God, let your hand fall upon me and my family, but do not let this plague remain on your people.’”

1 Chronicles 21:17 (NIV)

“For when the time of judgment comes, judgment MUST BEGIN with the family of God!”

1 Peter 4:17

## WHAT SHOULD WE BE DOING DURING OUR PLAGUE?

### 1. CONTINUE TO \_\_\_\_\_

“David built an altar to the Lord there and he gave offerings of worship to God. And the Lord answered his prayer, and the plague was stopped.”

2 Samuel 24:25 (NLT)

### 2. CONTINUE TO \_\_\_\_\_

“Aaron the priest stood between the living and the dead until the plague was stopped.”

Numbers 16:48 (NLT)

- Serve in a Local PEACE Food Distribution
- Serve with Care Callers & Care Writers

## WHEN WILL WE BE ABLE TO WORSHIP TOGETHER AGAIN?

10 Reasons: Why We Are Being Patient

## EACH WEEK WE DO 3 THINGS DURING COVID 19

- We recommit our lives to Jesus. Today if you gave your life to Jesus for the first time, text [NEWSTART](#) (one word) to 99000 or email [NEWSTART@saddleback.com](mailto:NEWSTART@saddleback.com).
- We give thanks to God by our giving online at <https://saddleback.com/GIVE>. Your generosity is feeding tens of thousands of out-of-work families.
- We meet in small groups online to discuss what we've heard. To join a group, text [SMALLGROUP](#) to 99000 or email [SMALLGROUP@saddleback.com](mailto:SMALLGROUP@saddleback.com).
- To be baptized, email [MYBAPTISM@saddleback.com](mailto:MYBAPTISM@saddleback.com).

1.viral infirmity 2.inequality 3.worship God 4.serve people

## 經得起生命考驗的信心

雅各書：在人生困境中活出真信心 – 第二十三部

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“...當考驗和挑戰四方八面向你襲來，要知道在壓力之下，你的信仰生命會被迫敞開，顯出它的本色。”  
雅各書 1:2-3 (Message 意譯)

“上帝從天上俯看世人，要察看有沒有明智地行事，並真正尋求他。”

詩篇 53:2 (英文聖經意譯)

“你們要自我省察，看看你們的信仰是不是真的。考驗自己吧。”

哥林多後書 13:5 (新普及譯本)

## 你的信心正在面臨考驗

透過五個文化導火綫

病毒性的疾病  
社會的不穩定  
財務的不穩定  
種族的不平等  
政治的不文明

新冠狀病毒  
城市裏的暴力事件  
經濟的不穩定 / 失業問題  
會有任何改變嗎？  
苦毒和互相指責

上帝透過\_\_\_\_\_，來考驗我們的信心

“烏西雅王餘下的年日都有一種傳染性的皮膚病，他不得不與人隔離。他被禁止踏足聖殿。所以他兒子約坦管理王宮並治理國家。”

歷代志下 26:21 (Message 意譯)

“我的朋友和同伴必須保持距離，因為我染上瘟疫，連我的親人也必須遠離我。”

詩篇 38:11 (ESV 意譯)

## 聖經中的瘟疫是何時發生的？

(眾多的其中) 三個原因

## 1. 當我們無視上帝的生活準則

“人們很快就忘記上帝，與及上帝為他們所做的事！他們不會等候上帝的計劃，卻變得貪婪，放任自己的慾望！他們考驗着上帝的耐心。所以上帝讓他們如願以償，卻把瘟疫也一併送來了。”  
詩篇 106:13-15 (NLT 意譯)

## 2. 當我們允許不公和\_\_\_\_\_的事情發生

上帝：“不久之前，你們悔改了，行事正直，你釋放了一直為奴的同胞，甚至為此與我立約，在我的殿裏，對人人予以尊重。但現在你改變了主意，不尊重我，又用新的奴隸制奴役他們。因此我打算這樣做：既然你們沒有聽從我，沒有讓你們的同胞得自由，我就要讓你們得「自由」，就是選擇死於戰爭、饑荒或疾病的「自由」。你們要被世上萬國厭棄。”

耶利米書 34:17 (英文聖經意譯)

## 3. 當領袖犯罪，違抗上帝

“大衛向上帝祈禱：「這不是由我下令的嗎？我才是那犯罪和犯錯的人！這些人是無辜的，他們做了甚麼事？所以上主啊，我的上帝，讓你的手攻擊我和我一家吧，但請不要讓這瘟疫留在我一切子民身上！」”

歷代志上 21:17 (NIV 意譯)

“因為審判的時候到了，這審判要從上帝的家開始。”

彼得前書 4:17 (新普及譯本)

## 我們在瘟疫期間該做甚麼？我們何時才可再一起崇拜？

## 1. 繼續\_\_\_\_\_

“大衛為主築了一座祭壇，並且獻上祭物敬拜上帝。上主就應允了他的祈求，瘟疫就止住了。”  
撒母耳記下 24:25 (NLT 意譯)

## 2. 繼續\_\_\_\_\_

“祭師亞倫站在活人和死人之間，直至瘟疫停止。” 民數記 16:48 (NLT 意譯)

- 在本地和平計劃的食物銀行當義工
- 在「關懷來電」和「關懷來信」事工裏服侍

## 我們何時才可再一起崇拜？

十個理由：我們有耐性的原因

## 我們在新冠病毒期間，每週都做這三件事情

- 把我們的生命再次獻給耶穌。若你今天第一次把自己的生命獻給耶穌，請發短訊「NEWSTART」（一個字）至 99000 或電郵 NEWSTART@saddleback.com。
- 我們透過奉獻，表達對上帝的感恩。你可以到 <https://saddleback.com/GIVE> 奉獻。你慷慨的捐獻，幫助了數以萬計在新冠病毒期間失業家庭。
- 我們在網上小組，討論我們所學到的東西。要加入小組，請發短訊「SMALLGROUP」至 99000 或電郵 SMALLGROUP@saddleback.com。
- 要受浸，請電郵 [MYBAPTISM@saddleback.com](mailto:MYBAPTISM@saddleback.com)。

1. 病毒性的疾病 2. 不平等 3. 敬拜上帝 4. 服侍人