

Devotionals

This Is Just A Test

***So that when the day of evil comes,
you may be able to stand your ground, and
after you have done everything to stand.
Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)***



Back in the day, we often heard; *"We interrupt your regularly scheduled programming for a test of the emergency broadcasting system."* A special eye insignia would appear and a high pitch tone would be heard for about 60 seconds. It seemed an eternity. We didn't turn off the TV because we knew the program would resume shortly. Our patience was rewarded with the continuance of the show we were enjoying. It was just a test.

As Job struggled through his losses one can only imagine the number of times turning to another channel came to his mind. Reports of family death and financial loss flooded his illness stricken days. The words *"I'm gonna wait"* tumbled from his parched lips as he was on the verge of divorce. The enemy hit him a great blow, testing his patience and faith. Job's faithful testimony is unlike almost any other we read in the scriptures.

What will I choose to do when my children are rebellious? When my money is gone? When a non supportive- half-crazy spouse hurls accusations? Job's advice to us is *"wait"* until God's change comes. This man's resolve was to stand on Jehovah's faithfulness. Job rested knowing he would one day be redeemed. The Father receives our decision to stand firm in difficult situations as honor and worship. There is a reward in refusing to act hastily or falsely accuse God.



It is just a test. God is faithful.

Karen

Selah
Pause and think on this

*When a train goes through a tunnel and it gets dark,
you don't throw away the ticket and jump off. You sit still and trust the engineer.
Corre ten Boom*

Prayer

*Father God, to you all hearts are open and every thought is known. I confess that I have times of feeling weak kneed and shaky. I ask for strength to stand in perilous times and the discernment to see you at work during them. Lead me in the way of right standing.
For your namesake. Amen*

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