

**SCC SMALL GROUP FOR CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT SERIES**  
**GAUGING YOUR INNER STRENGTH Part 5 of 8**  
**Sunday Message – October 9, 2022**

**Getting Started:**

Pastor Scott talked about gauging our inner strength through how we endure trouble, trials, and tribulations. Can you think of something that challenged you?

What did that circumstance teach you about your inner strength?

**Ask someone to read James 1:2-4.** When have you found joy in the midst of a test of your faith?

**Searching the Scriptures:**

**CHARACTER BUILDING TEST QUESTIONS**

A. What Lord? Our question when a new difficult task comes our way. (See Hebrews 11:7) Talk about a time you felt you needed to obey God.

Hebrews 11:1 talks about being certain of something by faith. Can you relate?

B. Where Lord? When a major change happens. (See Hebrews 11:8). Describe a situation where you followed God's leading.

C. When Lord? When God's promise is delayed. (See Hebrews 11:9-10) When has God's timing been better than your timing?

D. How Lord? When life's problem seems to have no solution. (See Hebrews 11:11-12) Have you ever experienced what you could call a miracle? What impossible thing did it solve?

E. Why Lord? When we suffer loss and tragedy in life. (See Hebrews 11:17-18). What's it been like to trust God when you didn't understand the reason or purpose?

F. How long Lord? When our test of faith is prolonged. (See Hebrews 11:24-26) How has patience (long-suffering) played a role in your faith story?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. What has been the greatest lesson you have learned about faith, especially when the solution or resolution was delayed?

B. Which of the above questions have been most prominent for you? Did you receive an adequate answer to any of them in time?

For additional encouragement on this topic, check out the six day study plan: "What is Faith" in the YouVersion Bible app  
<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/30890-what-is-faith>