When My Faith Grows Weak

Greg Kline · 2 Chronicles 24:1–25

INTRODUCTION

- There's a way to identify if you have weak faith or lacking faith. And that's when the moment comes that the devil brings his temptation, that life gets hard.
- We are not immune from having a weak faith that falters at the time the struggle comes, when the storm of life hits you.
- It is very clear that two things in the story absolutely happened and cannot be denied. Joash lived serving the Lord faithfully. And then Joash did not.

1 We Must Make Faith Our Own

2 Timothy 1:5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Psalm 51

- We see, first of all, we must make faith our own. That was clearly Joash's problem.
- If Joash had a faith of his own, it wouldn't matter what people came up to him and said.
- What would my faith look like? If my parents or my spouse turned away from God? Would my faith stand?
- I am reminded of your sincere faith. A faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. And now I am sure dwells in you as well.
- It's often said God has no grandchildren. God has no inheritance through your family.
- We as individuals must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. We will give an account of what we have done.

2 Faith Isn't Lost Overnight

Colossians 4:12–14; 2 Timothy 4:10

- For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica.
- Jehoiada made nobody fall. His death did not make Joash sin.
- Joash refusing to grow roots in God while he had the benefit of Jehoiada, should have grown closer to God, so that he would stand when temptation came.
- If I'm not growing closer to God, I'm drifting farther from him.
- When we fall into sin, we need to correct the action now while we see it for the sin that it is.
- To do that we have to first have a faith, and secondly grow roots in that faith.

3 Our Faith Will Be Tested

1 Peter 5:6–9; Ephesians 4:11–16; Matthew 7

- Our faith will be tested. It is not if, it is when, and the temptation will be hard.
- Be sober minded. Be watchful. Your adversary, the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him. Firm in your faith.

- We cannot hide against the devil's temptations behind our parents' faithfulness. You cannot hide behind your spouse's faithfulness.
- We don't just need to have faith, not just acknowledge that God exists, but trust in him, rely on him, change for God.
- So that we may no longer be children tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Am I like that? Or am I like when he turned against God? Or am I somewhere in between?**

MY NOTES