

**CONNECTION QUESTION**

When you grew up, what were some of the tests of faith you faced as a teenager?

What are some of the common tests God puts us through today?

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

Perspectives means a lot when facing a test or trial. How is Paul's perspective on tests and trials in 2 Corinthians 1:3-11 different from what we normally think and feel?

- If you were to face a great difficulty or challenge, what would you want someone to do (or not do) in their attempt to comfort or help you?

In Daniel 3:16-28, three of Daniel's friends were faced with a situation that could have caused them to doubt God and his plan.

- What do we learn about faith in the midst of a test from their experience?



- What would you say to someone who wanted to develop the same kind of faith as these men?

When enduring a trial, we sometimes think we simply need to bite our upper lip to make it through. Psalm 77 shows how we can be real about the pain we face in the midst of a tough situation and still be faithful.

- Write down some of your own thoughts and emotions about a tough season in life you are facing or have encountered.
- Write down what God has done for you in the test.
- What is challenging about being honest with God in a test, like this Psalm?

TAKE IT HOME

What is the most important thing to remember? What is the most important action to take?