

SERMON OUTLINE

3745 Market St. NE, Salem, OR 97301

Sunday Morning 12/14/08

“Our Faith Test”

I. Topic to be Discussed

- A. It Is Time for Our Faith Test: **Deut 32:20; Matt 8:10; 2 Cor 13:5**
- B. Examine, Measure, Challenge, and Analyze the steps to grow

II. Our Faith Test

- A. Worry Testing: **Matthew 6:25-34**
 - 1. Analysis: **6:32** - Gentiles eagerly seek
 - 2. Challenge: **6:30** - Trust God to provide!
 - 3. Steps to Grow
 - a. **6:25** - Realize that there is MORE to life
 - b. **6:32** - Stop “eagerly” seeking all these
 - c. **6:33** - Seek first God’s kingdom/right (priorities)
 - d. **6:33** - Trust God’s provision - He KNOWS
 - e. **6:34** - Take one day at a time
- B. Fear Testing: **Mark 4:35-41**
 - 1. Analysis: **4:38** - don’t you care that we are perishing?
 - 2. Challenge: **4:40** - Trust God to work out your journey! (cowardice, timidity)
 - 3. Steps to Grow
 - a. **4:35** - Walk with Jesus - go where He goes
 - b. **4:39** - Experience the calm that God brings in the storm
 - c. **4:41** - Develop a respect for God’s power
- C. Doubt Testing: **Matthew 14:28-33**
 - 1. Analysis
 - a. **14:29** - Started with a singleness of mind
 - b. **14:30** - Relied on himself - “I can’t do this!”
 - 2. Challenge: **14:31** - Trust in God’s power and walk!
 - 3. Steps to Grow
 - a. **14:29** - Get out of the boat - walk
 - b. **14:30** - Stay focused on whom it is that is working in life
- D. Apathy Testing: **Matthew 16:6-12**
 - 1. Analysis: Jesus - serious discussion / Disciples - food
 - 2. Challenge: **16:8** - Trust in God and fight the spiritual battle
 - 3. Steps to Grow
 - a. **16:6** - Watch out for “little” sins - destroy your soul
 - b. **16:9** - Let God take care of the little things - you serve