

Beyond the Safety Zone

(Philippians 1:12–13)

Gospel of No! 7: Reasons for Greater Faith

We've seen that testing is instrumental in developing greater faith. Now the question is, "So what?"

We need to start by examining the common assumption that "salvation" is God's goal for us. Assuming that it can be reached through any amount of faith, why does Jesus make such a big deal about having greater faith?

What do people do when their faith is weak (i.e. don't trust in God's love or power)?

What could people do if their faith were strong (i.e. have displayed trust in God's love and power during difficult tests)?

If faith is manifest only during testing, in what situations would we witness by showing faith before others? Give examples. See Matthew 5:38–48, Philippians 1:12–13.

How has God been leading you to risk blessings for the work he has prepared for you?