**Three Tests**

“Discovering the genuineness of your faith.”

**Text**: **1 John 5:1-5**, “Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. **2**By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. **3**For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. **4**For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. **5**Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? **English Standard Version**

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**Point #1**: **Look** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1a, 4-5**

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**Point #2**: **Look** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.1b**

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**Point #3**: **Look** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_! **vv.2-3**

**Corollary Verses**: 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 John 5:13; James 2:19; Proverbs 25:19, 11:28, 3:5; John 15:13; 1 John 4:7; 3:16-18; John 14:15; 1 Samuel 15:22; Matthew 11:29-30; Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 4:29, and 6:1.

**Application Questions**
These questions are provided for your further study and application of today’s sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to the questions listed below will assist you in gaining a better understanding of the point of this passage. Please be prepared to discuss your answers with your Home Fellowship Groups.

1. Read **Proverbs 3:5-6**; **Psalm 33:4**; **Isaiah 41:10**; and **Hebrews 13:8**, then answer the following questions. List all of the reasons from these passages that Jesus/God is worthy of our complete trust in Him. Are there any areas in your life where you may not be trusting Jesus as you should? List and discuss them with your home fellowship group.
2. Read **Psalm 56:3**, **62:8**; **John 14:1**; and **Matthew 6:26-27** then answer the following questions. Why is it so difficult to trust God when we go through trials and are anxious? What truth in these passages can help you return your trust in Jesus during times of anxiety? How is memorizing these passages helpful (see Phil. 4:8)? Give examples and explain to your group.
3. Read **Ephesians 5:25**; **1 John 4:7**, **3:16-18**; and **John 15:13** then answer the following questions. When it comes to loving our brothers and sisters in Christ, what is the biggest roadblock to truly loving one another that exists according to these passages? What practical ways can you show love to a fellow believer in our church family? Choose one person from our congregation this week and in a very practical way show them the love of Christ.
4. Read **John 14:15**; **1 Samuel 15:22**; and **Matthew 11:29-30** then answer the following questions. What is the connection between Love and Obedience? Why is partial obedience actually disobedience? In chapter 15 of 1 Samuel, what category of sin does Samuel label partial obedience? How is it possible that obedience is not burdensome?