

## Exercising Faith

**“For we live by faith, not by sight”  
– 2 Corinthians 5:7 –**

The great English Puritan and expository preacher Thomas Manton once said that “while all things are quiet and comfortable, we live by sense rather than faith. But the worth of a soldier is never known in times of peace. It is always a challenge to stay focused properly through a difficult trial. Even with the promise of lessons learned and rewards realized, the certainty of these benefits can seem more theoretical than real.” But we can have a much greater confidence in the reality of all these things if we simply remember the words of this verse.

One of God’s purposes in trials is to give us greater strength. As you go through one trial, your spiritual muscles (faith) are exercised and strengthened for the next one. That means you can face greater foes and endure greater obstacles, thus becoming more useful to the Lord. And the more useful you are, the more you will accomplish His will in the power of His Spirit for His glory.

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