

## *Crisis Of Our Faith*

Genesis 4:1-8

## What Is A Crisis?

“A crucial stage or turning point in the course of something” (Thesaurus)

“The turning point for better or worse...” “The decisive moment.” (Webster)

## *Turning Point For Cain*

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### Abraham

- When he left Haran. Genesis 12:1-4
- When God promised a son. Romans 4:3; 17-21
- When he offered Isaac. Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:17
- He passed the crisis. Genesis 22:12

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### King Saul

- In destroying the Amalekites. 1 Samuel 15:3
- Saul’s reason for his disobedience ... *“The people”* 1 Samuel 15:21
- Saul disobeyed. 1 Samuel 15:22-23
- God meant WHAT He said. cf. 1 Samuel 15:26; 32-33

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### Peter (cf. Matthew 26:33ff)

*“Go and preach the gospel.” Mark 15:15*

- First sermon. Acts 2
- Second sermon. Acts 3
- Third sermon. Acts 4
- Fourth sermon. Acts 5

*Crisis Comes At The Point Of  
ENDURANCE.*

Noah Genesis 6

Did WHAT God told him. Genesis 6:22;  
Hebrews 11:7

A preacher of righteousness. 2 Peter 2:5  
Kept hammering and preaching.

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Joshua and Caleb Numbers 14

•Joshua's challenge. Joshua 24:15

•"*Caleb hath followed me fully*"  
(Numbers 14:24)

•He followed in the land of Canaan, 45  
years later. Joshua 14:8-10

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•Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach &  
Abed-nego. Daniel 1– 3

•Nehemiah.

•Job James 5:7-11

*Crisis Comes At The Point Of –  
LOVE.*

•Love for God. Matthew 22:36ff; cf.  
Deuteronomy 6:5; 1 John 2:3-5

•Love of the truth. 2 Thessalonians  
2:10; Proverbs 23:23; Psalms 119

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Two kinds of pressure that create this  
crisis:

•Pressure on the mind to believe wrong  
things. 2 Corinthians 10:5; 2 Peter 2.

•Pressure of the flesh to do wrong things.  
Genesis 6; Romans 13:13; 1 Corinthians  
6; Galatians 5; Ephesians 4; Colossians  
3; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 Peter 2, 4

*Crisis Comes At The Point Of –  
LOVE.*

•Can't stop loving the truth because  
the pressure is on.

•Church at Ephesus did. Revelation  
2:1-4

•People of Jesus' day did. John 6:66

•Demas did. 2 Timothy 4:10;  
Colossians 4:14; Philemon 24

***In Time Of Crisis ...***

- Believe WHAT God has said.
- ENDURE until the end.
- LOVE God and His truth.

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**Blessings In Christ**  
 Blessed are the dead. *Revelation 14:13*  
 Eternal life. *1 John 5:11*  
 Salvation. *2 Timothy 2:10*  
 No Condemnation. *Romans 8:1*  
 New Creature. *2 Corinthians 5:17*

Baptized INTO. *Galatians 3:27*  
*Romans 6:3-4*

Confess *Romans 10:10*

Repent *Acts 11:19*

Believe *Romans 10:10*

Faith *Hebrews 11:6*

*Hebrews 5:8-9; Romans 2:8-9*

***In time of crisis, what will you do?***

*Repent and pray. Acts 8:22-24*

***“Confess therefore your sins one to another and pray for one another ...”***  
*James 5:16*