FAITH IN TIMES LIKE THESE . . . Six things God wants to do in our lives during these difficult days

# **GOD WANTS TO TEST OUR FAITH**

"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though same strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exaltation." (1 Peter 4:12.13)

## **GOD WANTS TO MATURE OUR FAITH**

"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing." (James 1:2)

#### **GOD WANTS TO SPREAD OUR FAITH**

"Now I want you to know, brethren, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress of the Gospel" (Phil 1:12)

## **GOD WANTS TO APPLY OUR FAITH**

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Cor 1:3,4)

#### **GOD WANTS TO FOCUS OUR FAITH**

*"For I consider that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us." (Rom 8:18)* 

### **GOD WANTS TO REWARD OUR FAITH**

"Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him." (James 1:12)