

DID I REALLY SIGN
UP FOR THIS?



What I learned as a Pastor

Leader as Sacrifice



The Christian Life is
a series of test

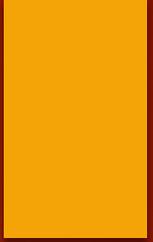


Genesis 22:1 (NKJV) Now it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.”

TEST

(nāsâ) test, try, prove, tempt, assay, put to the proof, put to the test

(massâh) trial, test, proving



The Greek word for temptation is Periazo, which means to reveal weakness within you. You cannot be tempted by something if the weakness for it is not already inside of you. If you are being tempted, God is using it to reveal TO YOU your weakness so you can pay attention to it and deal with its root.



Exodus 15:25 So he cried out to the LORD, and the LORD showed him a tree. When he cast *it* into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There He made a statute and an ordinance for them, and there He tested them,

Life situation set up the test



Exodus 16:4 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain quota every day, **that I may test them**, whether they will walk in My law or not.

He provides test to see how they respond

Exodus 20:19–21 Then they said to Moses, “You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die.” And Moses said to the people, “Do not fear; for God has come to test you, and that His fear may be before you, so that you may not sin.” ²¹ So the people stood afar off, but Moses drew near the thick darkness where God was.

Test is how will you respond to God. Will you trust Him.



Deuteronomy 8:16–17 (NKJV) who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end—¹⁷ then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.’

The test is God has done this and not myself and all He does is for our good.



Deuteronomy 13 (NKJV) “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’

³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him



**Test is do you know the word
and that becomes the basis for
what you do and believe and
not base what you believe on
what others think or do**

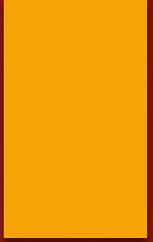
Judges 2:20–23 then the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel; and He said, “Because this nation has transgressed My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and has not heeded My voice,²¹ I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died,²² so that through them I may test Israel, whether they will keep the ways of the LORD, to walk in them as their fathers kept *them*, or not.”²³ Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out immediately; nor did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua

Test -After a period of time the Lord will not rescue but will let all things to go in their own way so that the people will see how it is without the Lord and will cry out to the Lord

Judges 3:1–4 Now these *are* the nations which the LORD left, that He might test Israel by them, *that is*, all who had not known any of the wars in Canaan ² (*this was only so that the generations of the children of Israel might be taught to know war, at least those who had not formerly known it*), ³ namely, five lords of the Philistines, all the Canaanites, the Sidonians, and the Hivites who dwelt in Mount Lebanon, from Mount Baal Hermon to the entrance of Hamath. ⁴ And they were *left, that He might* test Israel by them, to know whether they would obey the commandments of the LORD, which He had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses.

**Testing teaching one how
to war**

2 Chronicles 32:31 However, *regarding* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was *done* in the land, God withdrew from him, in order to test him, that He might know all *that* was in his heart.



**Test Hezekiah might know
the pride lurking in his heart,
and other sins which
escaped his notice**

Psalm 105:19 Until the
time that his word
came to pass, The
word of the LORD
tested him.



Different word (*ṣārap*) *smelt, refine, test.* (ASV and RSV sometimes identical, others varied; both also “goldsmith,” “refine,” “try”

The word tested him, purified and refined his character

**Hebrews 11:17 By faith
Abraham, when he was
tested (examined), offered up
Isaac, and he who had
received the promises offered
up his only begotten son**

Jeremiah 20:12 But, O LORD of
hosts, You who test (bahan
different word prove, examine)
the righteous, *And* see the mind
and heart, Let me see Your
vengeance on them; For I have
pleaded my cause before You.



Yes you did sign
up for this!

1. This is the Christian Life

John 6:52–66

2. Why a test

Revelation 2:9–10 “I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

3. The goal is the prize!



James 1:12-15 Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³ Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. ¹⁴ But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.



4. It is for our Joy





Hebrew 12:2 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Romans 8:18–19 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with **the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

¹⁹ For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God

John 15:10–11 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. ...no part missing! complete

1 Peter 4:12–13 (NKJV) Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³ but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.