

FAITH UNDER FIRE

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REVIEW:

Genesis 12

TEST #1: Will I obey God?

TEST #2: Will God take care of my basic needs?

Genesis 13

TEST #3:

Will I trust what I can see, or will I trust what God has promised?

LESSON: Abraham regards _____ and the _____ more important than things or material success.

"I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."

Philippians 4:18-19

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

"Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

Luke 6:38

LESSON: You cannot _____ God.

LESSON: Faith and love will always prove successful and blessed as opposed to _____ and _____.

Genesis 14

TEST #4:

Will I give in to the world's temptations?

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."

Proverbs 14:12

LESSON: Honor, worship, trust, and give your first to God; rather than denying Him, following after the world, and taking immediate blessing.

LESSON: The only way you can turn away from earthly wealth and do the right thing at the right time is because you follow after a God who is the owner of heaven and earth.

Genesis 15

TEST #5:

Will I trust God for my ultimate protection?

“After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: ‘Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’”

Genesis 15:1

LESSON: You’ll never experience the everlasting arms of God until by faith you put yourself in the position of needing Him as your shield, your fortress, and your reward.

TEST #6:

The test of trusting God through difficult times.

“And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: ‘This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.’”

Genesis 15:4

“And he brought him outside and said, ‘Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.”

Genesis 15:5-6

*“Then the Lord said to Abram, ‘Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years.’”*Genesis 15:13

LESSON:

- Pain is part of God’s program.
- Pain will not separate you from God’s love.
- Hard times are not contrary to God’s covenantal love for us.