

## "Attention: This is Only a Test!" (Pt.2) - John 6:1-6

**NKJV-** "After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberius. Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, **"Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"** But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do."

**LBLA-** "Después de esto, Jesús se fue al otro lado del mar de Galilea, el de Tiberias. Y le seguía una gran multitud, pues veían las señales que realizaba en los enfermos. Jesús subió al monte y se sentó allí con sus discípulos. Y estaba cerca la Pascua, la fiesta de los judíos. Entonces Jesús, alzando los ojos y viendo que una gran multitud venía hacia El, dijo a Felipe: ¿Dónde compraremos pan para que coman éstos? Pero decía esto para probarlo, porque El sabía lo que iba a hacer."

> **AS A CHILD:** Emergency Broadcast Network- "Attention: This is Only a Test!"

### I. The Principle of **EVALUATION**. (v.1-6)

In Scripture, we learn that **God TESTS our FAITH** to grow/mature us:

- **James 1:2-3-** "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that **when your FAITH is tested**, your endurance has a chance to grow."
- **James 1:12-** "God blesses those who **patiently endure testing** and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him."
- **1 Peter 1:6-7-** "There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you must endure many trials for a little while. **These trials will show that your FAITH is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold** - though your faith is far more precious than mere gold."
- What exactly is being tested?? Your **FAITH...** Heb 11:6... **Kingdom!!** is coming!!

Here in John 6, we learn that **God TESTS our FAITH** in 4 primary ways:

#### ◦ #1 - Jesus tests us with **DIFFICULTY**.

- **GEN 22:1-2-** "Some time later, **God TESTED Abraham's faith**. "Abraham!" God called. "Yes," he replied. "Here I am." "Take your son, your only son—yes, Isaac, whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah. Go and sacrifice him as a burnt offering.."

○ #2 - Jesus tests us with **DEMANDS.**

- **JOHN 15:10,14**- "When you obey My commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love... You are my friends if you do what I command."

○ #3 - Jesus tests us with **DOLLARS.**

- **Gal 6:7,9-10** - "Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant... So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone - especially to those in the family of faith."
- **LUKE 6:38**- "Give, and you will receive! Your gift will return to you in full - pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back."
- **2 COR 8:7-8**- "Since you excel in so many ways - in your faith, your gifted speakers, your knowledge, your enthusiasm, and your love from us - I want you to excel also in this gracious act of giving. I am not commanding you to do this. But I am testing how genuine your love is."
- What about YOU?? Is the Lord using DOLLARS in your life right now, to TEST you??
  - Generous, Tithe, Needy, Family...??

○ #4 - Jesus tests us with **DELAYS.**

- **HEB 6:12** - "...follow the example of those who are going to inherit God's promises because of their faith and endurance ('patience')."
- **ECC 3:11**- "...God has made everything beautiful for its own time."
  - Abraham, Joseph, David.....
- What about YOU?? Is the Lord using a specific DELAY in your life right now, to TEST you??
  - Promotion, Spouse, Baby, Victory...??

GOD the SON, can help you, in the middle of your TESTING & TRAINING:

- **Hebrews 2:18**- "Since He Himself has gone through suffering and testing, He is able to help us when we are being tested."

- **Hebrews 4:15-16-** *"This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet He did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."*