



### ***Shepherd King - Enduring The Test***

OK it's test time! What do you prefer, essay or multiple choice? Which one truly represents knowledge the best. Defend your answer!

#### **Memory Verse:**

**James 1:12 NIV**

**Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.**

**Read: 1 Peter 1:3-9, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 12:3**

Would you trust your life to a pilot who had never been tested? Why do you think God's tests are so important for us?

How have the tests of faith in your life made your faith stronger?

Why is it important for us to understand that God is the source of our faith, that it doesn't come from ourselves?

If God has given all of us a measure of faith, how do we activate it?

What gets in the way of us enacting our faith?

**Read: 1 Samuel 27-31 (Feel free to hit the high points, it's a long read)**

What was David's primary issue? What was Saul's?

How does weariness, fear, or other emotions create difficulty in walking a life of faith?

When we are tired, we will often seek comfort from the things that will kill us. David sought comfort with his life long enemy. What do you tend to return to when you are feeling spiritually drained?

**What do we do when God seems silent?**

**Remember the truth of His Word: Psalm 19:1-6**

What scripture do you turn to when you are having trouble hearing from God?

What difference does faith make when we read and ruminate on God's Word?

**What do we do when God seems silent? We repent of our sin: Acts 3:19-20**

How do we truly repent? What is the difference between repentance and feeling sorry?

How do you identify the secret sins that are hard to see in your life but still need to be turned over to God?

**What do we do when God seems silent? We learn to lean on those with a stronger faith and wait for God to move: Isaiah 40:31**

Who do you lean on when your faith is weak? On a scale of 1-10 (one being low and 10 being high) how good are you about allowing others to help you?

What gives you strength as you wait upon the Lord?

How can we pray for each other tonight?