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‘Every time we make a [moral]choice we are turning the central part of ourselves into something a little different than it was before.’

C.S. Lewis

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

James 1:12





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Avoiding Failure In Life's Test

‘Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became fit to drink. There the Lord issued a ruling and instruction for them and put them to the test.’

Exodus 15:25

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‘Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.’

Exodus 16:4



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- **Why Would God Test Us?**
 - i) **Testing Reveals Our Spiritual Condition**
 - ii) **Testing Reveals Our Spiritual Muscle**

‘Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.’

Deuteronomy 8:2



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- **What Are The Tests?**
 - i) **The Test Of Success**

'I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.'

Philippians 4:2

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THE SUCCESS SYNDROME
HITTING BOTTOM WHEN YOU REACH THE TOP

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- **What Are The Tests?**
 - i) **The Test Of Success**
- **Temptation to lose touch
with your basic values**

'I was pursuing my dream and I thought cocaine would get me there faster. I was running through life so fast that I didn't see my role as a husband a father to my three sons was disintegrating and that my business abilities were crumbling.'

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‘What good is it for you to gain the whole world, yet forfeit your soul?’

Mark 8:36

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- **What Are The Tests?**
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 - with your basic values
 - with people in need**

‘We are now in a period of time in which our faith in capitalism has combined with a radical sense of individualism to create a dangerous degree of selfishness. “I’ve got mine, you get yours. I’m going to hold on to mine!” “Oh, I’ll support a system that allows you to get yours, but there is no way I’m going to give you any of mine.”’

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- **What Are The Tests?**
 - i) **The Test Of Success**
- **Temptation to lose touch with your basic values with people in need with God**

‘When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day...



...Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.'

Deuteronomy 8:10-14



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- **What Are The Tests?**
 - i) **The Test Of Success**
 - Temptation to lose touch with your basic values
 - with people in need
 - with God
 - **Temptation to take credit for what God and others have done**



‘Finally, I am thankful to God for giving me what talent I had to play at this level, which allowed me to try and honour not only those who recruited, coached, watched and played with me, but also Him.’

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- **What Are The Tests?**
 - i) The Test Of Success
 - ii) **The Test Of The Wilderness**

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- **What Are The Tests?**
 - i) The Test Of Success
 - ii) The Test Of The Wilderness
 - iii) The Test Of Provision**

'In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions.'

Exodus 16:2-4



‘The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”’

Numbers 11:4-6



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- **What Are The Tests?**
 - i) The Test Of Success
 - ii) The Test Of The Wilderness
 - iii) The Test Of Provision
 - iv) The Test Of Dailyness**

‘Then the Lord said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions... Then Moses said to them, “No one is to keep any of it until morning.” However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them.’

Exodus 16:4, 19-20



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- What Are The Tests?
- **How Do We Pass The Tests?**

***‘He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.’
Luke 24:25-27***



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- What Are The Tests?
- How Do We Pass The Tests?
- i) Jesus is our 'Red Sea Victory'

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“The Lord is my strength and my defence; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him.’

Exodus 15:2

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‘The life of Christianity consists of possessive pronouns. It is one thing to say, “Christ is a Saviour;” it is quite another thing to say, “He is my Saviour and my Lord.” The devil can say the first; the true Christian alone can say the second.’

Martin Luther



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- What Are The Tests?
- **How Do We Pass The Tests?**
 - i) Jesus is our 'Red Sea Victory'
 - ii) **Jesus' Cross is our 'Tree'**

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 - i) Jesus is our 'Red Sea Victory'
 - ii) Jesus' Cross is our 'Tree'
 - iii) **Jesus is our 'Manna'**

‘Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

John 6:35

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