

God's School of Life

10/10/10 Oakbrook Community Church (PCA)
Genesis 12:10-13:18 Pastor Mark W. Turner

God knows what kind of faith we have (He gave it to us), but we don't know so God matures us by giving us 'examinations':

1. Test of Circumstances 12:10

- Tests often follow victories (Ex. 12-14; 15:22-27; 16; 17)
- We don't face tests alone – Lord is with you Mt 28:20
- Tests are to prove faith & God's glory 1 Pet 1:7
- Pride is an enemy of faith 1 Cor 10:11-13
- Don't Run or go to 'Egypt', Trust the Lord Isa 30:1-2; 31:1; Prv 3:5-6

2. Test of Other People Phil 1:6 12:11-13:4

- Moved from trusting to scheming 1 Cor 3:18-20, Prv 3:5-6
- Moved from confidence in God's Word, to fear 1 Jn 4:16-18; Psa 111:10; Prv 29:25
- Move from thinking of "others" to self-preservation 12:12, 13; Phil 2:3-7
- Moved from bringing blessing to judgment 12:1-3, 17

Lessons:

- We can repent & be forgiven 13:1; 1 Jn 1:9
- 'Blessings' of Egypt caused troubles 13:5-6; chp 16; 13:10

3. Test of Things 13:5-18

- Attitude towards 'Things' showed forth their heart Jms 3:13-4:10
- Danger of love of things 1 Tim 6:10; Prv 21:6; 22:16; 15:27
- Where is your Heart at?

Lot = righteous man (2 Pt 2:7-8) struggling with worldly temptations

Are you a 'friend of God'? Isa. 41:8, 2 Chr 20:7; Jms 2:23

Lessons:

- Live by faith in God's Word, not circumstances Mt 6:33; Jms 1:5
- Keep your eyes focused on heavenly things Heb 11:16
 - Learn from Lot: looked toward Sodom 13:10; moved toward Sodom 13:11-12; moved into Sodom 14:12. Heed warning of Psalm 1:1-3
 - Ask yourself: Am I more like Lot or Abraham in my life?

Application For Today:

- these things... examples for us 1 Cor 10:11
- Not moralism or works, but by faith in Christ Gal 2:20
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