



HOMECELL NOTES

TESTED FAITH! – PS PIERRE SPIES

10 SEPTEMBER 2023

WELCOME

Welcome all members who are joining the Homecell. You may do an icebreaker.

WORSHIP

Prepare Praise and Worship for the Homecell gathering. (1 Praise & 2 Worship songs)

WORD

Question: What is the meaning of the word “TESTED”?

Answer: - A procedure for critical evaluation; a means of determining the presence, quality, or truth of something; a trial: tested and proved to be reliable.
- Reveal the strengths or capabilities of (someone or something) by putting them under strain.

Question: Can someone give some examples of different tests?

Answer: Academic, Sports & Fitness, Metals, Medicine & Construction materials.

Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 (NLT)

Question: Why do refiners have to melt gold?

Answer: To bring out any impurities.

Question: Why do you think God puts us in a similar “furnace” and brings up the heat?

Answer: Our faith is more precious than gold to him. He turns up the heat in order to reveal impurities in our hearts and to sanctify us.

➤ **Reasons for why God tests us:**

① **TO PROVE YOUR GENUINENESS OF FAITH:**

- **God tests – He does not tempt:**

God’s goal for our lives isn’t for us just to be happy. It’s for us to grow in spiritual maturity.

- Satan tempts (through the flesh)

Question: What are some ways that God tests us?

Answer: Trails, Tasks, Change, Delayed promises, Unsolved problems, Senseless Loss & Pain.

Read Proverbs 17:3 (NKJV)

GOD WANTS TO GET THE GLORY!

Read 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

Question: What does genuine faith mean?

Answer: Truly what something is said to be; authentic: real, genuine gold – not pretended: sincere, honest.

ARE YOU WILLING TO SAY YES TO GOD? IS YOUR FAITH GENUINE IN TRAILS AND TESTING?

Read James 2:17 (NKJV)

➤ **Another reason for why God tests us:**

② **TO DEVELOP YOUR CHRISTIAN CHARACTER:**

- In order to produce a **godly, mature Christian**, God **increases the temperature of life**, in order to bring to the surface the sin that is already in our hearts, which we may **be blinded from seeing, or just too stubborn to address**.
- To use a similar metaphor, **like the boiling hot water that steeps the tea out of the bag**, trials draw out the issues of life that resides in our hearts. The trial is not the problem, nor does it create the issues of the heart. They are already “in the tea bag”, so to speak.

Read James 1:2-4 (NLT)

What is Christian Character? – Read Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)

- If you need Love: Give love to others! Pour out your heart before God in adoration / Receive Gods love!
- If you need Joy: **Read John 16:24** (NKJV)
Become generous! Ask generously! Give freely! Praise freely!
- If you need Peace: Pray & walk in forgiveness!
- If you need Longsuffering (Patience): Trust Gods timing! Be patient with yourself / situation.
Read Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NKJV)
- If you need Self Control: God has given you the ability to control every human desire and emotion: Thoughts/ words/ behavior
Read 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

➤ **A third reason for why God tests us:**

③ **TO FULFIL HIS PURPOSE:**

Read John 21:15-17 (NKJV)

Question: Does anyone know what AGAPE Love and PHILEO Love mean?

Answer: **AGAPE** love, esteem, cherish, favor, honor, respect, prize, relish, be devoted to; rooted in the mind and will of the subject, to value; it is God’s love towards man.

PHILEO love, to be fond of, to love as a dear friend, friendship love, to have affection for someone.

- **Christs love for us is the deciding factor – He seeks to restore!**
- **Jesus knows your destiny and will never leave you for there is great impact through your life!**

Read Philippians 1:6 (NLT) & **Isaiah 61:1-4** (NKJV)

- **You have to yield to the Holy Spirit – Submit your plans to God for His purpose!**
- **It will become life to others when it’s anointed after going through the fire!**
- **Abraham:** Tested by offering his son – father of many nations
- **Job:** Lost everything – God restored double **Read Job 42:10** (NLT)
- **Joseph:** Sold by his family, prison – Delivered his family and a nation **Read Genesis 50:20** (NLT)
- **Jesus:** Crucified innocently that we might have life.

DON’T LOOSE HEART IN THE TEST, TURN TO GOD!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday: **8:10 am to 8:30 am – Pre-prayer!**
 9:00 am – Pastor Pierre Spies Live!
 5:10 pm to 5:30 pm – Pre-prayer!
 6:00 pm - Live Link with Ps At Boshoff!

Intercession at church:
 Thursday Evening @ 18:00

Prayer & Intercession at church:
 Friday Morning @ 6:00am

What to look forward to:

DREAMWEEK 2023
4 – 6 October
Have you got your ticket yet?

WORKS

Pray in tongues over target lists