

Passing the Pit Test

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Review

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Key Scriptures: Genesis 37:13–24; Psalm 16:10

Discuss

1. Many people spend their lives picturing their dream instead of living in their destiny. Why do you think this is?
2. What are some gifts you believe God has given you?
3. What are some ways we might be prideful about the gifts God has given us?
How can we stay humble while recognizing our gifts?
4. Read John 3:17. What is the difference between conviction and condemnation?
Why is it important to recognize the difference?
5. What are some character tests God wants you to pass?
6. Can you share a time you failed a character test? What is something God taught you through that experience?
7. Have you ever felt like you were in a pit test? What did you do during that time?
8. Why does God allow us to go through testing times? What would happen if we skipped these character tests?
9. If you feel you are in a pit test now, take a minute to acknowledge God is with you. Ask Him to give you wisdom and grace during your test and to empower you to pass it.
10. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this message?

Takeaway

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Understand how you got into the pit.
- Have God's perspective of the pit.
- Know God has a purpose for you in the pit.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, help us cultivate an attitude of humility in our hearts. Help us mature and come to the place where we search our hearts and ask You to search us as well. Help us have a lifestyle of humility as we allow You to make us into vessels of honor for Your glory. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Leader Tip

Focus on viewing the members of your group through God's eyes. He has given each person unique gifts. In the coming weeks, work on identifying the gifts of each member of your group and finding ways to encourage them in those areas.

Group Dynamics Idea

Pastor Robert shared it is our responsibility to humble ourselves. One way we can do this is by thinking of others before ourselves through random acts of humility and kindness. This might look like opening the door for others, letting someone go before you in line, or making room on the road for a merging driver. It could also be more personal like helping a single parent prepare for the back-to-school season or writing a letter of appreciation to someone who has impacted you. Ask each group member to note how this "humility in action" impacts their week and have them share their experiences during the next meeting.