



Detours, Delays & Dead-Ends
Pt. 6 - "The 4 Tests That God Gives Us,
In Order To Bless Us"
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"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him. And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and He never tempts anyone else. Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death."
James 1:12-15 (NLT)

"God withdrew from King Hezekiah in order to test him and to see what was really in his heart."
2nd Chronicles 32:31b (NLT)

4 TESTS THAT GOD GIVES US, IN ORDER TO BLESS US

1. THE PROVISION TEST – DO I TRUST GOD TO GIVE ME WHAT I NEED, WHEN I NEED IT?

"Then Moses led the people of Israel away from the Red Sea, and they moved out into the desert of Shur. They traveled in this desert for three days without finding any water."
Exodus 15:22 (NLT)

2. THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL TEST – DO I PUT MY HOPE IN THE POWER OF MY CIRCUMSTANCES, MORE THAN THE POWER OF GOD IN MY LIFE?

"When they came to the oasis of Marah, the water was too bitter to drink. So they called the place Marah (which means "bitter")."
Exodus 15:23 (NLT)

3. THE PRAYER TEST – WHEN FACED WITH A DEAD-END, DO I PRAY FIRST, OR DO I COMPLAIN FIRST?

"Then the people complained and turned against Moses. "What are we going to drink?" they demanded. So Moses cried out to the Lord for help, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. Moses threw it into the water, and this made the water good to drink."
Exodus 15:24-25a (NLT)

4. THE OBEDIENCE TEST – AM I GOING TO LIVE THE WORLD'S WAY, OR GOD'S WAY?

"It was there at Marah that the Lord set before them the following decree as a standard to test their faithfulness to Him. He said, "If you will listen carefully to the voice of the Lord your God and do what is right in His sight, obeying His commands and keeping all His decrees, then I will not make you suffer any of the diseases I sent on the Egyptians; for I am the Lord who heals you."
Exodus 15:25b-26 (NLT)

"After leaving Marah, the Israelites traveled on to the oasis of Elim, where they found twelve springs and seventy palm trees. They camped there beside the water."
Exodus 15:27 (NLT)