



MESSAGE NOTES

"It's Only A Test"

Pastor Matt Mylin — July 4, 2021

Genesis 39:1-9; James 1:2-4

1. Treated

Genesis 37:2-5

2. Entrusted

3. Setbacks

Genesis 39:11-12; Genesis 39:17-20a

4. Turning Point

Genesis 39:20-23

All scriptures are from the New International Version.

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Connect:

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

Consider:

The testing of our faith develops our faith.

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Can you name 3 of the 12 tribes of Israel? How does that make you feel if you can or can't name them?
- ▶ Read Genesis 3:1-9. How would Joseph's life have been different if his time at Potiphar's house was focused on what his brothers did to him?
- ▶ Read James 1:2-4.
 - How could facing trials ever be considered pure joy?
 - What does it mean to be "mature and complete, not lacking anything"?
- ▶ How could it change our perspective if we consider our life situations as a beta type test?

Commit:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

What is a situation in your life that you need to look at as a beta test?

How will that perspective change your focus?

Care:

Read James 1:5. Pray the Serenity prayer together out loud. "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference."

Fill in the blank key: treated; entrusted; setbacks; turning point