

Lessons Learned In The Wilderness
Mark 1:12-13; Matthew 4:1-11
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→ TV show: Pros vs Joes . . . kind of like me vs Satan!

→ There are more lessons to be found in the story of Jesus' time of testing:

1. TESTING IS GOD'S PLAN FOR ME

A. This was no accident or "happstance"- He was "impelled" by the Spirit

B. The point of testing is to prove the value or worth of someone/thing

C. God always tests those He uses

D. Tests are designed to strengthen and enable

→ Tests are intended to develop your confidence...

- in God's PERSON
- in God's POWER
- in God's PLANS

2. TESTING INVOLVES _____

A. Hard _____ ("40 days & 40 nights")

B. Hard _____ ("wilderness")

C. Hard _____ ("with wild beasts")

D. Hard _____ ("it is written")

3. TESTING RESULTS IN _____ OR _____

A. Victory is DEFINED as _____

B. Victory is DETERMINED by _____

C. Victory is DESTINED to lead to _____

→ So What? Taking It Home!

1. How's your _____ cf. James 1:2-3

2. How's your _____

3. What does God want you learn here?

4. How about praying this way:

"Lord, I accept this test as from _____; help me to learn what you have for me through it; help me to recognize where Satan wants to draw me into _____, help me resist him; teach me to depend on _____, your strength, and your _____ as I go through it; make me more useful for you as the result"