

JOURNEY #2
"Tested"
Genesis 42:27-38 / 4.28.13

Intro - There will be a test on this! (James 1:3)

Three questions you have to answer on your God journey

- **THE STORY'S TEST: Are you honest men? (v. 33 & 34)**
 - Are you spies or not?
 - Bring the youngest back and I'll release Simeon
- **REUBEN TEST: Will I let my past define me? (v. 28, 35, 37 - see 35:22)**
 - Missing the blessing (v. 28 & 35)
 - Rash attempts to make it right (v. 37)
- **JOSEPH TEST: Will I pursue pay-back or forgiveness (v. 30-34)**
 - "The lord" spoke harshly to us
 - Take food for your families
- **JACOB TEST: Which is bigger in my life, my circumstance or my God? (v. 36 & 38)**
 - Everything is against me (v. 36)
 - If harm comes on the journey (v. 38)
- **JESUS: Right answer...always**

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For Extra Credit (test questions for your soul)

- 1) What is the most challenging "circumstance" in your life today?
- 2) What part of your past do you regret the most?
- 3) What "test" do you think you are experiencing on your journey of faith right now?
- 4) What are you trying to do to earn God's favor?
- 5) Who or what is "against" you right now?
- 6) What is the worst possible "if" in your life right now?
- 7) Who would be the hardest person for you to forgive right now?
- 8) How is Jesus the answer for the answers you have given?

Prayers for Northeast Indian Pastors

Last week Pastor Mike was in India with our partners in ministry there. He told them that thousands would pray for them. Would you join us in praying for the following pastors, true dangerous witnesses:

*Pastor Nirmal ministry on the Bhutan border

*Pastor Michael Tudu - church work on the Nepal border - young pastor carrying on work he was recently appointed to

*Pastor Saba Mardi - new church plant near Nepal

*Pastor Divas Lama - leading school, preaching, and rescuing children of prostitutes

*Pastor Mrinal - ministry among tea field workers in Darjeeling living on less than \$1/day

*Pastor Robin Tamang - church in the slums of Bagdogra

Baptism Testimony

Callie Rickard (9:45) As soon as I walked through the doors of ECC it felt like home to me. Since that day I have felt Christ doing amazing things in my life. Today I show my commitment to the Lord by being baptized. I look forward to continuing my walk and sharing my love for Jesus.