

# 10 LESSONS FOR A LIFE OF SIGNIFICANCE

## #5 PASS THE CHARACTER TESTS

- 1 Samuel 18:6-11
- 1 Samuel 20:31
- 1 Samuel 21:10-22:2
- Psalm 56:1-13
- Psalm 23

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is the key for a significant life.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ tests your character.

- 1 Samuel 18:20-23
- 2 Samuel 22:1-4

*How do you keep success from destroying you?*

- ▶ Remember who you are, and who God is.
  - Psalm 8:3-4
- ▶ Remember where success comes from.
  - 1 Samuel 18:14
  - James 1:16-17
- ▶ Remember, success is fickle.
  - James 4:13-14
- ▶ Remember the people who have helped you.
  - Romans 16:3-4
- ▶ Remember, success doesn't define you, character does.
  - Luke 12:16-21
- ▶ Remember the true purpose of success.
  - Genesis 12:2

3. \_\_\_\_\_ builds and reveals your character.

4. Passing the tests of success and adversity requires \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 1:2-4 (TLB)** Dear brothers, is your life full of difficulties and temptations? Then be happy, for when the way is rough, your patience has a chance to grow. So let it grow, and don't try to squirm out of your problems. For when your patience is finally in full bloom, then you will be ready for anything, strong in character, full and complete.

**James 1:2-4 (TPT)** My fellow believers, when it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can! For you know that when your faith is tested it stirs up power within you to endure all things. And then as your endurance grows even stronger it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.

**Romans 8:35-39 (TLB)** Who then can ever keep Christ's love from us? When we have trouble or calamity, when we are hunted down or destroyed, is it because he doesn't love us anymore? And if we are hungry or penniless or in danger or threatened with death, has God deserted us? No, for the Scriptures tell us that for his sake we must be ready to face death at every moment of the day — we are like sheep awaiting slaughter; but despite all this, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us. For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are — high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean — nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us.