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This is only a Test! Presented by Pastor Daren L. Barron

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Take the test seriously!

- Emergency Broadcast System
- The Emergency Broadcast System was initiated in 1963 during the Kennedy Administration, to allow the president to address the entire nation in an emergency. The EBS was later further expanded through an interagency effort with the FCC, FEMA and the National Weather Service (NWS), to permit the system to be used for state and local emergencies. The tests of the system lasted 35 or 40 seconds, with TV stations usually displaying a test pattern and announcing that a test is under way. A loud high-pitched obnoxious tone followed, followed by the familiar phrase "This is a test of the Emergency Broadcast System. If this had been an actual emergency...This is only a test."
- > An Emergency is an absence of choice!
- Plan Prepare Practice Pray
- God does not have emergencies like we have emergencies...simply because God always has choices. When we walk in the faith God gave us most of our emergencies will change also.
- Satan will always slowly coerce us toward an emergency so we make decisions on fear of what or who we might lose or can't take care of, instead of trusting God for His Love for us.

The testing of your faith is in progress...

Hebrews 11:17 Amplified Bible (AMP)

By faith Abraham, when he was tested [that is, as the testing of his faith was still in progress], offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises [of God] was ready to sacrifice his only son [of promise]

This test is refining me!

1 Peter 4:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal which is taking place to test you [that is, to test the quality of your faith], as though something strange or unusual were happening to you.

1 Peter 4:12-13 The Message (MSG)

12-13 Friends, when life gets really difficult, don't jump to the conclusion that God isn't on the job. Instead, be glad that you are in the very thick of what Christ experienced. This is a spiritual refining process, with glory just around the corner.

It is better to test yourself than to be tested by life...testing can lead to failure but failure can lead to understanding.

2 Corinthians 13:5-9 The Message (MSG)

5-9 Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. I hope the test won't show that we have failed. But if it comes to that, we'd rather the test showed our failure than yours. We're rooting for the truth to win out in you. We couldn't possibly do otherwise. We don't just put up with our limitations; we celebrate them, and then go on to celebrate every strength, every triumph of the truth in you. We pray hard that it will all come together in your lives.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Test and evaluate yourselves to see whether you are in the faith and living your lives as [committed] believers. Examine yourselves [not me]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [by an ongoing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test and are rejected as counterfeit?

Not only will you make through this test, you will come out with the victory!

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 The Passion Translation (TPT)

12 So beware if you think it could never happen to you, lest your pride becomes your downfall. 13 <u>We all experience times of testing</u>, which is normal for every human being. <u>But</u> <u>God will be faithful to you. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face so that you can bear it.</u> And each test is an opportunity to trust him <u>more</u>, for along with every trial <u>God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously.</u>

I embrace this test because I am maturing, developing and walking toward inward peace!

James 1:2-4 The Message (MSG)

2-4 Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true

colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

James 1:3 Amplified Bible (AMP)

Be assured that the testing of your faith [through experience] produces endurance [leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace].

It is an open book test!

2 Timothy 3:16-17 The Passion Translation (TPT)

16 Every Scripture has been written by the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness. 17 Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 New Living Translation (NLT)

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.