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Being Careful

Are you being careful? Am I being careful in what way? **Are you carefully hearing and following my word?** I'm not sure. What would that mean? **I am glad that you are asking me your question.** Why is that? **It is good for you to not assume that you are being careful. If you are to be careful you must be careful in two different ways.** Not you have piqued my curiosity. **That's good.**

First, you must be careful in hearing my word. That means you must know my word. You must listen to my word. You must make my word a priority in your life. You must take my word into your heart and mind and life. Do you know how you will take my word into your heart and mind and life? Yes, I do. **I'm listening.** I will meet daily with you in your word. I will read your word. I will study your word. I will meditate on and memorize your word. I will pray your word. I will speak your word. I will teach your word. I will grab a hold of your word so word will grab a hold of me. In every way, I will let your word dwell in me richly. Your word will be on my mind. Your word will be in my heart. Your word will come out of my mouth. These are the ways in which I will be careful to really hear your word and listen to all that you have to say to me. **That will be very good.**

Next, you must also be very careful in following my word. It will not be enough for you to carefully hear my word. Only hearing my word will not change your heart, transform your mind or guide your life. If you truly want my word to dwell in you richly you must put into practice all that I will teach you from my word. Will you follow my word? Will you obey my word? Will you put my word into practice? Yes Heavenly Father, I will. **That will be very good.**

As you hear my word and put it into practice, I will bless your life. You will go where I guide you. You will do what I ask of you. You will humbly pass all the tests of life that lie ahead of you. You will be guarded and guided, strengthened and sustained by my word. That is what I want. That is what I will do. I will hear and follow your word. **That will be very good.**

Heavenly Father, you have my full attention. I'm leaning in to hear all you want to say to me. My heart and mind and life are committed to hearing and obeying your word. Guard and guide, strengthen and sustain my life my life by your word as I follow you. Amen

God The Father *Humble You And To Test You*

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

NIV Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Humbling You And Testing You*

"Be careful to obey all the commands I am giving you today. Then you will live and multiply, and you will enter and occupy the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors. Remember how the LORD your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey his commands. Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

NLT Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Humble You, Testing You*

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

NRSV Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Humble You And To Prove You*

ALL THE commandments which I command you this day you shall be watchful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall [earnestly] remember all the way which the Lord your God led you these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and to prove you, to know what was in your [mind and] heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you recognize and personally know that man does not live by bread only, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

AMP Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Humble You, Testing You*

"All the commandments that I am commanding you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your forefathers. "You shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. "He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

NASB Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Humble You, Testing You*

"The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

ESV Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Humble You And Test You*

"Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD.

NKJV Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Pushing You To Your Limits, Testing You*

Keep and live out the entire commandment that I'm commanding you today so that you'll live and prosper and enter and own the land that GOD promised to your ancestors. Remember every road that GOD led you on for those forty years in the wilderness, pushing you to your limits, testing you so that he would know what you were made of, whether you would keep his commandments or not. He put you through hard times. He made you go hungry. Then he fed you with manna, something neither you nor your parents knew anything about, so you would learn that men and women don't live by bread only; we live by every word that comes from GOD's mouth.

MSG Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Humbling You And Testing You*

"You must obey all the commandments I give you today. If you do, you will not only live, you will multiply and will go in and take over the land promised to your fathers by the Lord. Do you remember how the Lord led you through the wilderness for all those forty years, humbling you and testing you to find out how you would respond, and whether or not you would really obey him? Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to both you and your ancestors. He did it to help you realize that food isn't everything, and that real life comes by obeying every command of God.

TLB Deuteronomy 8:1-3

God The Father *Testing You*

Carefully obey every command I give you today. Then you will live and grow in number, and you will enter and take the land the LORD promised your ancestors. Remember how the LORD your God has led you in the desert for these forty years, taking away your pride and testing you, because he wanted to know what was in your heart. He wanted to know if you would obey his commands. He took away your pride when he let you get hungry, and then he fed you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had ever seen. This was to teach you that a person does not live by eating only bread, but by everything the LORD says.

NCV Deuteronomy 8:1-3

Humble You And To Test You

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

God The Father – Deuteronomy 8:1-3

In Context: *Read Deuteronomy 8*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God’s Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Heavenly Father, you have my full attention. I’m leaning in to hear all you want to say to me. My heart and mind and life are committed to hearing and obeying your word. Guard and guide, strengthen and sustain my life my life by your word as I follow you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How has your Heavenly Father led you through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of life?

How has your Heavenly Father humbled and tested you throughout your life?

What has been your response to being humbled and tested by difficulties in life?

How has being tried and tested by God revealed what was in your heart?

How are you making it your daily habit to feed on God’s word?

How has relying on God’s word guarded and guided, sustained and strengthened your life?

How are you making sure that you are putting God’s word into practice as you follow Him?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Rely on your Heavenly Father and obey His word completely as you go through all the trials and tests of life.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that your Heavenly Father will help you to rely on Him as you obey His word.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are relying on your Heavenly Farther as you obey His word.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you be careful to follow and obey God’s word so you will be able to humbly pass all the tests of life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Heavenly Father, I will follow and obey your word so I can humbly pass all the tests of life.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, how can I follow and obey your word today so I can humbly pass all the tests of life?
