



from the sermon, *The Test*
in the series, **Essentials**

*Don't do it to get done, do it to grow.
Focus on those Q's that produce fruitful discussion.*

On the **e100 Readers' FaceBook group** this week, I suggested reading **Numbers 12-14** as a way of getting some important background context for what was about to take place. The more I thought about it the more I realize just how important the stuff in these particular 3 chapters really is. There are some really critical principles to understand found in these 3 chapters, some of which will be addressed in the Feb. 12 sermon. Read Numbers 12-14 if you haven't already. Listen for God's heart as He deals with this very unhappy bunch of people - within just one year of witnessing (on their behalf) the greatest display of miracles in history, both in number, scale, and ferocity.

I can understand the sons of Israel 'feeling' that they wanted to go back to Egypt because change is difficult and there was opposition - relentless opposition. But just where and to what did they think they would go back? The place was totally trashed by the plagues they had brought upon themselves. And what was left untouched in Goshen and still in good shape, had surely since been reclaimed by the Egyptians that were left alive. I think they were romancing the idea of living in the past even though it *really* wasn't good. It was in fact, terrible! *Have you ever caught yourself romancing the past because the present isn't what you had envisioned? Or that you thought you had missed out on something you were supposed to do?* It's so easy to do. I just caught myself doing it... *How is this revisionist thinking to be avoided? What makes this so unhealthy? Why was it unhealthy for the sons of Israel? How does having proper perspective change a view? What other principles lurk here that are helpful to understand?*

Taking from good questions from the Leader's guide based on Moses' relationship with Joshua, that of Moses being Joshua's mentor, and Joshua, Moses' protégé... *Was Moses a good mentor for Joshua? What makes a person a good mentor? Have you ever been a mentor to someone? Have you ever been mentored or a mentee?? If you stop being mentored are you demented? jk*

As we looked at Moses leaving Egypt only to return some 40 years later to team up with Aaron, some comparisons to Luke 15:11-32 came to mind. Do you see any similarities? Differences?



READING for this coming week...

For the Feb 12th sermon

	Week 6	DAY	
M	<input type="checkbox"/>	26	Feb 6 <i>Israel's Disobedience</i> Judges 2:6-3:6
T	<input type="checkbox"/>	27	Feb 7 <i>Deborah Leads Israel</i> Judges 4:1-5:31
W	<input type="checkbox"/>	28	Feb 8 <i>Gideon Defeats Midianites</i> Judges 6:1-7:25
T	<input type="checkbox"/>	29	Feb 9 <i>Samson Defeats Philistines</i> Judges 13:1-16:31
F	<input type="checkbox"/>	30	Feb 10 <i>Ruth</i> Ruth 1-4



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February 5th, 2012 at 9:00 & 11:00am we offer

Worship & Preaching	Auditorium
Toddler Nursery (2 Year olds)	Room 103
Nursery (Newborn - 2 Years old)	Room 104
3 Year Olds	Room 203 (upstairs)
4 Year Olds	Room 204 (upstairs)
5 Year Olds/Kindergarten	Room 205 (upstairs)
Driven Kids' Ministry (Grades 1-6)	Room 200 (upstairs)

The **BISTRO** is **OPEN!** Today's Volunteers, stop in at **The Hub!**
We offer **FREE COFFEE** at the Connections Café prior to the 9am service.

Connections Café is open before and after each service. Breakfast sandwiches, drinks, mints, snacks and coffee are available.
Did you know that all proceeds from the MSF Café goes to 2 things:
It helps offset the cost of youth events and it helps support the MSF Pre-School.
Thank You for your support.

Hearing devices are available for those who are hearing impaired. A Welcome Center volunteer will help you.

SMALL GROUPS

If you're looking for a place to belong, a small group is a great place to start. Groups are starting back up now. See our complete group list at www.mstar.org/main/smallgroups. We've started an Essentials reading of the Bible for 100 days in the new year... it's a good time to get in on a group! The e100 Reading schedule is on the opposite page of the bulletin and new full planners are at the IS. It's not too late to start reading with us or to join a group. We're only in week 5 of 20!

SERMON CENTRAL

Audio or video podcasts of sermons are accessed on-line at mstar.org under MEDIA. Today's sermon will be available Tuesday this week...

Morning Star is on **facebook** as well as

MSF Preschool | Ladies' Ministry | Kids' Ministry
MSF Moms' Group | Fusion Student Ministries
Morning Star Fellowship Pottstown Campus

February 5, 2012

CONNECTION CARD INFO TO BETTER CONNECT WITH YOU

(Please enter personal info on reverse side)

Name _____

PLEASE PRINT

1st Time Visitor Regular Attender
 2nd Time Visitor Member

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FELLOWSHIP

PRAYER POSTS... praises, answers, requests, concerns, etc.

(Prayer Posts are prayed over by Pastoral Staff and Tuesday night prayer group)

Check all boxes that apply > I'm committing my life to Jesus today for the 1st time I'm starting to call MSF my home church I want to know more about the Holy Spirit
 I'm recommitting my life to Jesus today I want to be added to the MSF mailing list

Sermon Notes

Sermon Series Essentials
Sermon Title *The Test* 5 | 20
 Feb 5, 2012 Pastor Liz

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TWENTY



12
TWELVE



This Week

Today 2/5
 Partnering with the Holy Spirit class 11am
 Bistro is **OPEN** for lunch.
 Super Soup for sale in the Lobby!

Monday 2/6
Ladies' Morning Exercise 9am Auditorium

Tuesday 2/7
Mom's Group 9am Cafe
Celebrate Recovery Meal, 6:15pm Bistro
 Large Group, 7pm, Auditorium
Intercessory Prayer 7pm, Prayer Room

Wednesday 2/8
Ladies' Morning Exercise 9am Auditorium
FUSION YOUTH Doors open at 6:30
 Service starts at 7pm.

Thursday 2/9
Men's Group Sex Battle Webinar
 7pm Bistro

Saturday 2/11
Chosen 300



Operation Backpack provides local hungry students with much needed food for the weekend. There are many homeless and chronically hungry students in our area, and together we can help them succeed by addressing their hunger. OB works with individuals and organizations to gather donated food and supplies.

The month of February! ITEMS to include: Tuna, Soups, Mac-N-Cheese and Water.
Pick up a flyer at (IS) for more info!

AT THE INFORMATION STATION

- Welcome Brochure
- February Calendar

IN THE HUB

Ministry Applications, Clearance Forms and Guidelines

AT THE RESOURCE CENTER

- Divorce Care
- Celebrate Recovery Brochures
- Grief Share Information
- Counseling Services
- Today's Pentecostal Evangel

To contact a staff member or for more info visit// mstar.org

Upcoming Events

"The Sex Battle" What it is and What to do about it.
 This Thursday February 9, at 7pm Bistro
 This is a special *webinar* put on by New Life Ministries. This one night live seminar on-line for men is this Thursday. Learn steps to take to have sexual integrity in a sexually corrupt culture. This is a free event.

Couples' Valentine Dinner
 Sunday February 19, 5pm Bistro.
 Join us for a fun night out with other couples. Full Course Dinner, games, prizes and more. Cost is \$20 per couple. Get your tickets at the INFO Station TODAY!

Core Connect Class (6 week class)
 Wednesdays, Feb 22-March 28, 7pm in The HUB.
*Find out what Morning Star Fellowship is all about! *Class required for Membership but anyone can come.*
 Sign up on the CC. Childcare is available - indicate as needed on the CC!

Ladies Spring Event
 Saturday March 17, 10am-1pm
 Tickets go on sale February 19...see website for more information. If you would like to help with the event e-mail liz@mstar.org

Baby Dedication
 Sunday March 18, 11am service
 Pick up an application at the Info Station. **If this is your first baby dedication, you must attend a parent class.** Class is Sunday, March 11, 11am in the HUB.

VISION Casting Meeting
 Sunday March 25, 12:35pm in the auditorium

MSF Community Day
 Saturday March 31, 7am to 12noon
 Free everything. Sign ups to help will be at the Info Station starting Sunday, March 4th. Great way to be a blessing to the Community.

Opportunity to Serve

Ushers Needed
 We are in need of ushers to serve the congregation Week 1 at 11am and Week 3 at 11am. If you are available for either of these times please mark the CC. For more information contact Lee Levensgood at 610-367-5314.

1. Tests are _____

Facing a TEST does not mean that you are being punished by God.

Judges 3: 2 He did it to train the descendants of Israel, the ones who had no battle experience, in the art of war.



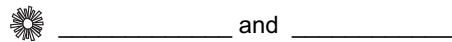
Colossians 3:13 You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. NTL



Ephesians 5:3,11 "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people" ... "avoid the very appearance of evil, having nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them."



1 Timothy 6:10 "For the love of money is a root of all evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierce themselves with many griefs."



Proverbs 29:23 Pride lands you flat on your face; humility prepares you for honors.

2. _____ to Win

Philippians 4:13 Whatever I have, wherever I am, I can make it through anything in the One who makes me who I am. The Message

I Corinthians 10: 13 No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.

CONNECTION CARD

INFO TO BETTER CONNECT WITH YOU

Indicates Change in Address for our records

PERSONAL DATA SECTION complete once initiated

Feb 5
Name

Address

Home Phone

Marital Status

Names of children living in your home (& their birthdays; mo/dy/yr)

I will be attending the Core Connect Class on Wed evenings starting on Feb 22nd, 7pm the Hub

Names attending:

I need childcare for Core Connect Class. I need child care for _____ children, ages _____

I would like to volunteer to usher (_____ week 1, 11am) (_____ week 3, 11am)

Zip

State

Town

E Mail

Widowed/Widower

My Birthdate (mo/dy/yr)

Your Age

Group

13-17

18-29

30-39

40-49

50-64

65+