

## LOVE IN ACTION

### Part 4 – True Love Doesn't Test the Boundaries – Deut 6:16-19 Chuck Larsen, June 29, 2008

**Deuteronomy 6:16(ESV)** You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested him at Massah.

#### TWO WAYS GOD TESTS US

**1. THE TEST OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Deuteronomy 6:10-13** ...houses you didn't build, fields you didn't plant, cisterns you didn't dig, cities you didn't build.

**2. THE TEST OF \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Exodus 17:7f** No water and bitter water at Massah... etc  
**Exodus 17:7 (ESV)** And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

#### THE ISSUE IS SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

**1. WITH CONSCIENTIOUS \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Deuteronomy 6:17 (ESV)** You shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and his testimonies and his statutes, which he has commanded you.  
**Psalms 78:6-8 (NLT)** so the next generation might know them—even the children not yet born—and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracles and obeying his commands. Then they will not be like their ancestors—stubborn, rebellious, and unfaithful, refusing to give their hearts to God.

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**2. WITH \_\_\_\_\_ LIVING**  
**Deuteronomy 6:18a (ESV)** And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord...

**3. WITH \_\_\_\_\_ IN GOD'S GOODNESS**  
**Deuteronomy 6:18b** ...that it may go well with you and that you may go in and take possession of the good land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers...  
**Mark 4:38 (ESV)** But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?

**4. WITH \_\_\_\_\_ IN LIFE'S BATTLES**  
**Deuteronomy 6:19 (ESV)** ...by thrusting out all your enemies from before you, as the Lord has promised.  
**Philippians 4:11-13 (ESV)** Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.