

## Test to Testimony

*The process of refinement, the result of training, and the road to reward*

- A Test \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a person's heart (Prov. 17:3; cf. 27:19-22)
- A Test is \_\_\_\_\_ to those who walk in faith (Ps. 26:2; 1 Peter 4:12)
- A Test comes with an \_\_\_\_\_ reward (1 Peter 1:3-9)

*We do not rise to the level of our expectations. We fall to the level of our training.  
(Archilochus, Greek Soldier/Poet, 650 B.C.)*

The ancient Greeks recognized that rising to the occasion is a myth. Without the proper training—in military, workplace, faith, etc.—there is nowhere from which to rise.

### • The Life of Peter

#### ○ Background

- Brother of Andrew
- Married
- Name changed from Simon → Peter (Cephas)
- Amongst Jesus' inner-circle of disciples (Peter, James, and John)
- A fisherman by trade

#### ○ A Student of Jesus (Training)

*Training involves asking the \_\_\_\_\_ questions of the \_\_\_\_\_ person.*

#### ○ A Follower of Jesus (Testing)

*Training involves stepping into \_\_\_\_\_ situations, \_\_\_\_\_ teachable, and being willing to \_\_\_\_\_.*

(Matthew 14:28-33; Mark 14:53-54, 66-72; John 6:68-69)

#### ○ A Reflection of Jesus (Testimony)

*Training \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of trials.*

(Acts 4:8-22)

*Our theology is developed and displayed when it is being pinched and backed into a corner. If you feel that you are going through some heat, consider this: It may be for God's glory and for your good.*

### Application

- \_\_\_\_\_ your "Training Grounds"
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tests with \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ God's Reward