



UNDER PRESSURE Pt. 1
“Prepared for Pressure”
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“There once was a man named Job who lived in the land of Uz. He was blameless—a man of complete integrity. He feared God and stayed away from evil. He had seven sons and three daughters. He owned 7,000 sheep, 3,000 camels, 500 teams of oxen, and 500 female donkeys. He also had many servants. He was, in fact, the richest person in that entire area. Job’s sons would take turns preparing feasts in their homes, and they would also invite their three sisters to celebrate with them. When these celebrations ended—sometimes after several days—Job would purify his children. He would get up early in the morning and offer a burnt offering for each of them. For Job said to himself, ‘Perhaps my children have sinned and have cursed God in their hearts.’ This was Job’s regular practice. One day the members of the heavenly court came to present themselves before the LORD, and the Accuser, Satan, came with them. ‘Where have you come from?’ the LORD asked Satan. Satan answered the LORD, ‘I have been patrolling the earth, watching everything that’s going on.’ Then the LORD asked Satan, ‘Have you noticed my servant Job? He is the finest man in all the earth. He is blameless—a man of complete integrity. He fears God and stays away from evil.’ Satan replied to the LORD, ‘Yes, but Job has good reason to fear God. You have always put a wall of protection around him and his home and his property.’

You have made him prosper in everything he does. Look how rich he is! But reach out and take away everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face! 'All right, you may test him,' the LORD said to Satan."

Job 1:1-12 (NLT)

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit."

Psalms 51:10-12 (ESV)

A PRESSURE TEST...

- 1. ...REVEALS OUR HEART'S _____
CONDITION AND _____ VALUE**

"Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."

Proverbs 4:23 (NLT)

"A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart."

Luke 6:45 (NLT)

- 2. ...EXPOSES WHAT OUR HEART IS _____
_____ OF**

*“But the words you speak come from the heart—
that’s what defiles you. For from the heart come
evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual
immorality, theft, lying, and slander.”*

Matthew 15:18-19 (NLT)

*“Anyone who believes in me may come and drink!
For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water
will flow from his heart.’”*

John 7:38 (NLT)

1. ..._____ **THE** _____
ABOUT WHO WE REALLY ARE

Untested:

*“The human heart is the most deceitful of all
things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows
how bad it is?”*

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)

Tested:

*“When you look into water, you see a likeness of
your face. When you look into your heart, you see
what you are really like.”*

Proverbs 27:19 (NIRV)