



“The Minister’s Difficulties”

WHEN GOD GIVES A TEST – GENESIS 22:1-14

- God’s Test Material – vs. 1-13
- God’s Test Questions:
 - * Are you willing to go where you don’t want to go?
 - * Are you willing to do what you don’t want to do?
 - * Are you willing to sacrifice what you don’t want to sacrifice?
- God’s Test Results – v. 14
- When God gives you a test, will you continue to follow His will through difficulty?

RUNNING THE RACE – HEBREWS 12:1-2

- History of the Race
- Instructions for the Race
- Benefits of Running the Race Together

READY OR NOT! – ACTS 16:5-10

- Ready or Not Means Being Ready for God’s Interruptions - Acts 16:5-8
- Ready or Not Means Being Ready for God’s Revelations – Acts 16:9
- Ready or Not Means Being Ready for God’s Directions – Acts 16:10
- Be Ready – I Peter 3:15

PACING – LUKE 2:52

“JESUS INCREASED IN WISDOM, AND STATURE, AND IN FAVOR WITH GOD AND MEN.”

- Mental Pacing – Meditation
- Physical Pacing – Fasting
- Spiritual Pacing – Scripture
- Social Pacing - Silence

Preview of April 18 and Beyond

- **April 18** – The Minister’s Neighbors – Living and Sharing with Catholics. Guest Teacher: Dr. Daniel Sanchez, Distinguished Professor of Missions, Southwestern Baptist Seminary. Graduate of Valley Baptist Academy.
- **May 16**– The Minister’s Marriage and Family – Guest: Lynn & Sandra Sasser, Retired IMB Missionaries in Mexico and Pastor of Capital City Baptist Church, Mexico City.
- **June 20** – The Minister’s Proclamation – Preaching, Evangelism, and Testimony (*DiscipleShape 7 & 4; EvangeLife*).
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