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# FREEDOM IN THE TRIALS

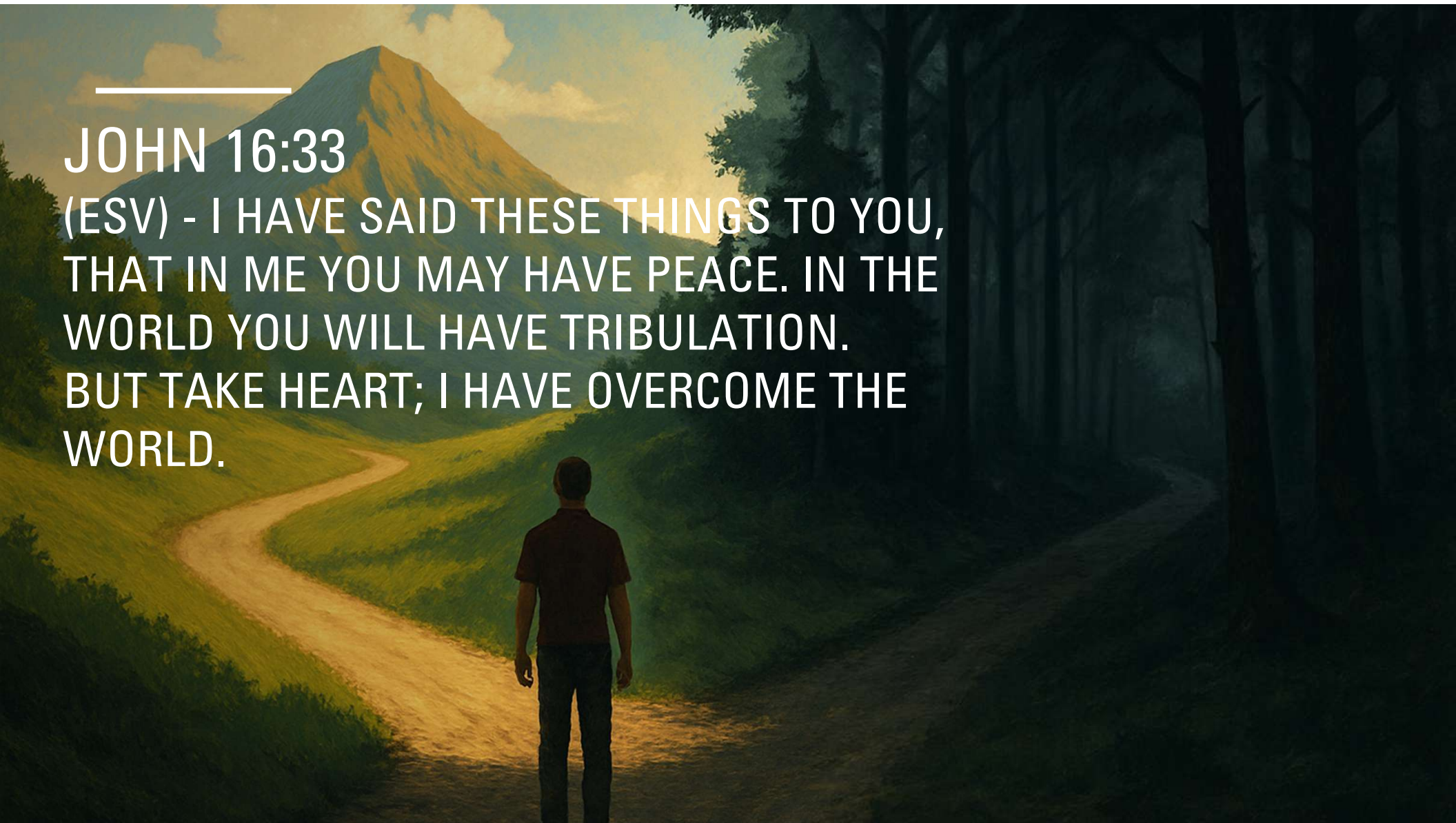




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JOHN 16:33

(ESV) - I HAVE SAID THESE THINGS TO YOU,  
THAT IN ME YOU MAY HAVE PEACE. IN THE  
WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TRIBULATION.  
BUT TAKE HEART; I HAVE OVERCOME THE  
WORLD.





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## DEUTERONOMY 8:2

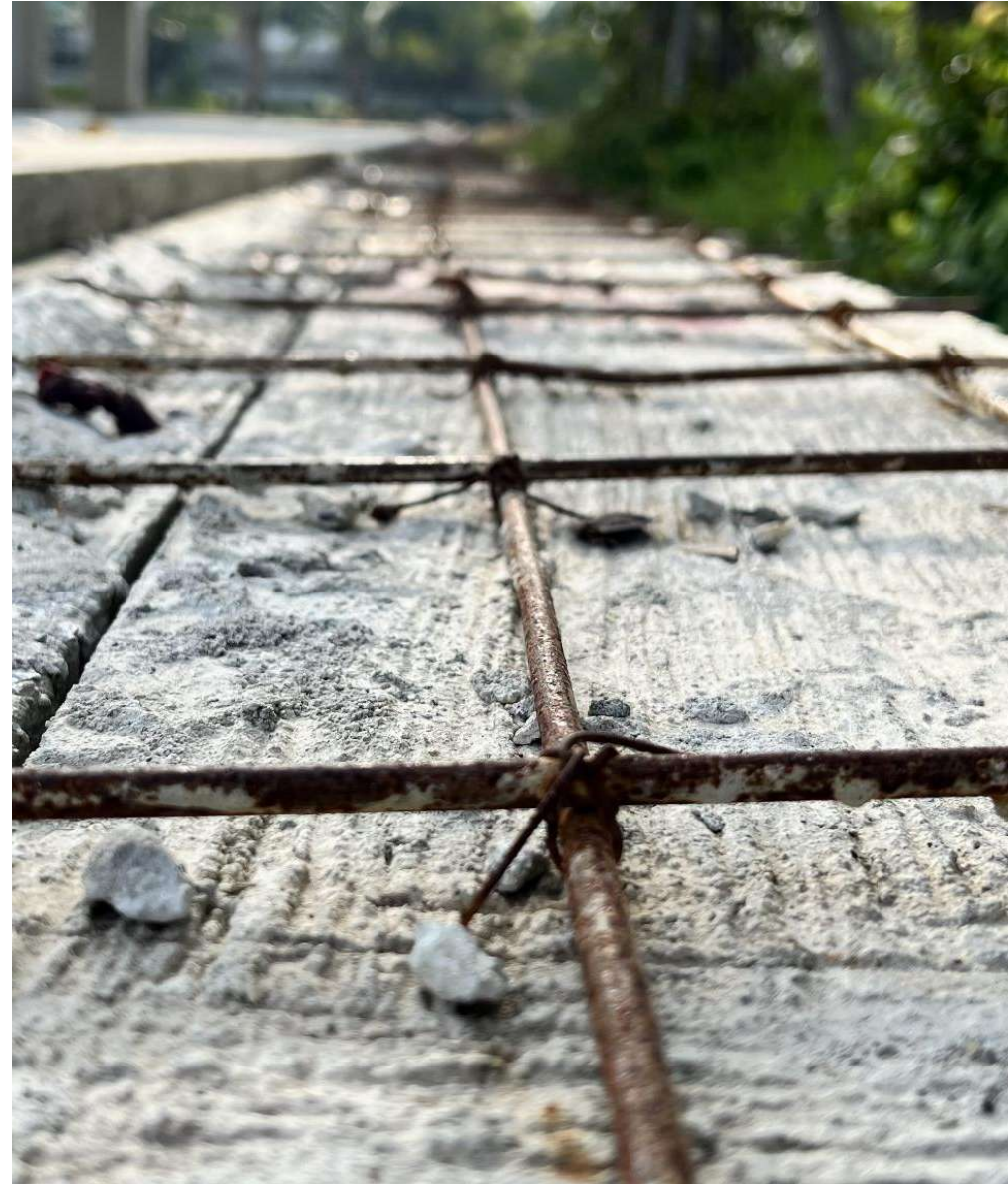
(ESV) - And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.



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# 1 CORINTHIANS 3:12-15 (TPT)

The quality of materials used by anyone building on this foundation will soon be made apparent, whether it has been built with gold, silver, and costly stones, or wood, hay, and straw. Their work will soon become evident, for the day will make it clear, because it will be revealed by blazing fire! And the fire will test and prove the workmanship of each builder. If his work stands the test of fire, he will be rewarded. If his work is consumed by the fire, he will suffer great loss. Yet he himself will barely escape destruction, like one being rescued out of a burning house.



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# PSALM 66:10 (ESV)

For you, O God, have tested us;  
you have tried us as silver is tried.





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## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PURPOSE BEHIND TESTING.

- We Misunderstand God's nature
    - Many fail to grasp who God truly is
  - Initial acceptance of Jesus Christ
    - Most people are unaware of the deeper truths
  - Expectations of an easier life
    - Belief that life will become simpler after conversion
    - Reality is that life often becomes harder
  - Doubt and faith struggles
    - Hardships lead to doubts about God
    - Can deter people from seeking a relationship with God
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## JOB 26:14

Behold, these are but the outskirts of his ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?

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## ISAIAH 55:8-9

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

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## PSALM 145:3

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

## PSALM 103:7

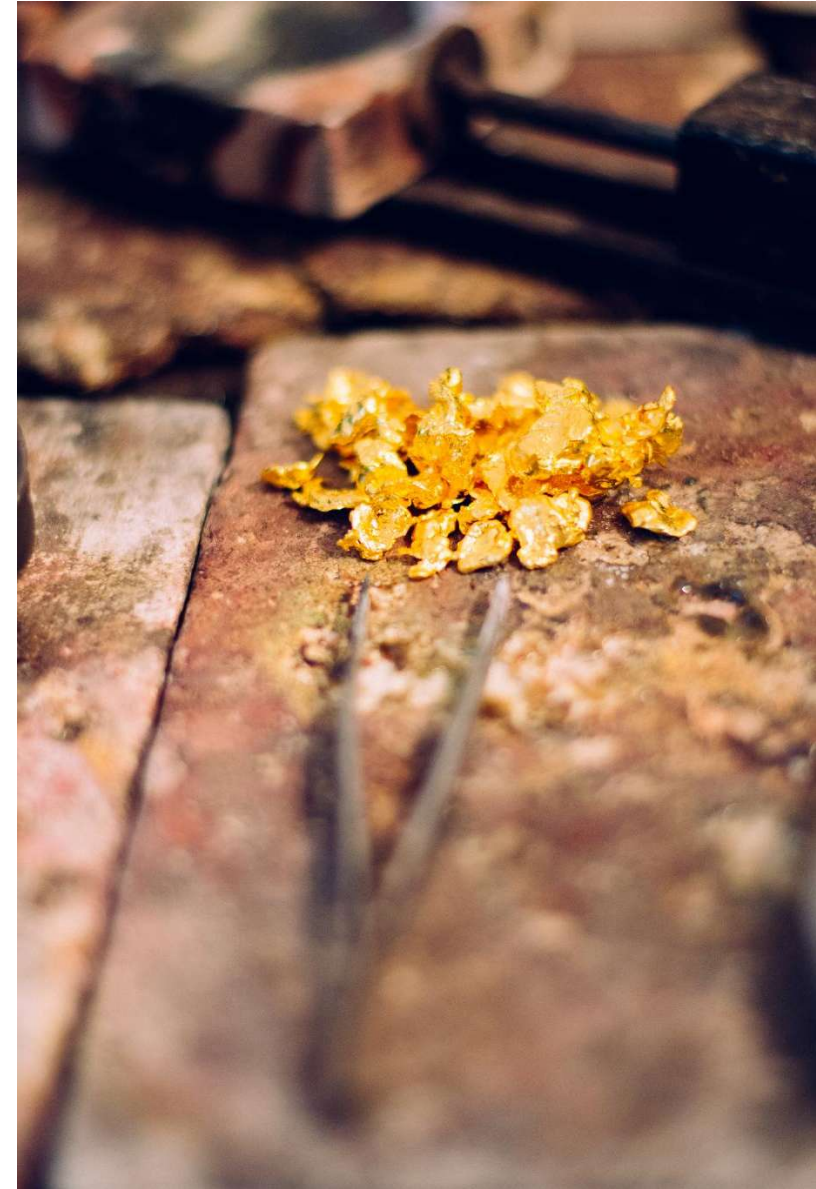
He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

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# REFINING SILVER AND GOLD

- God's Testing and Refining
  - God tests us to remove ingrained impurities
  - Refining process is mentioned multiple times in the Bible
- Scriptural Reference
  - Zech 13:9 - (ESV) - And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'







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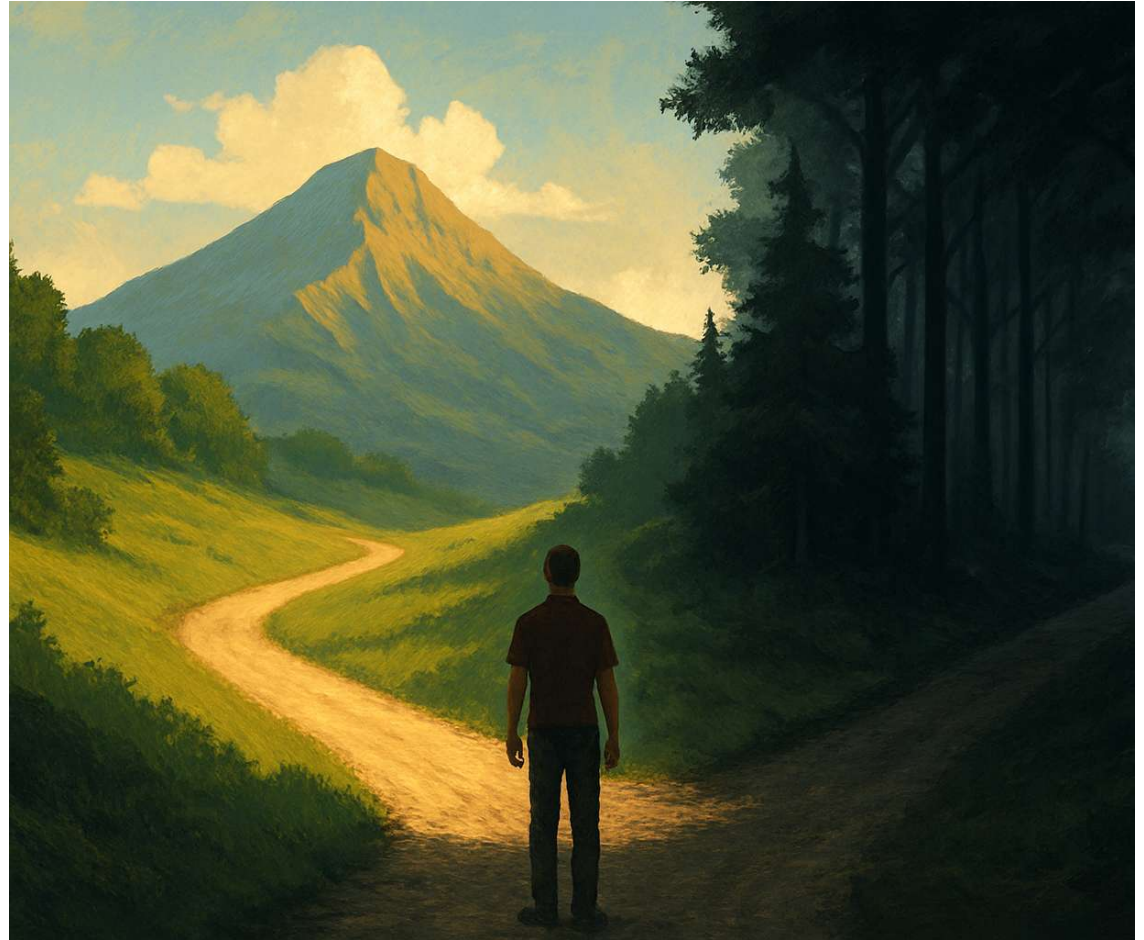
## REFINING SILVER AND GOLD

- Gold's Transformation
    - Gold is initially useless due to impurities
  - Silver's Purity
    - Continually heated up to let the impurities rise to the surface to be removed.
    - It is not completely pure until you can see your face reflected in it.
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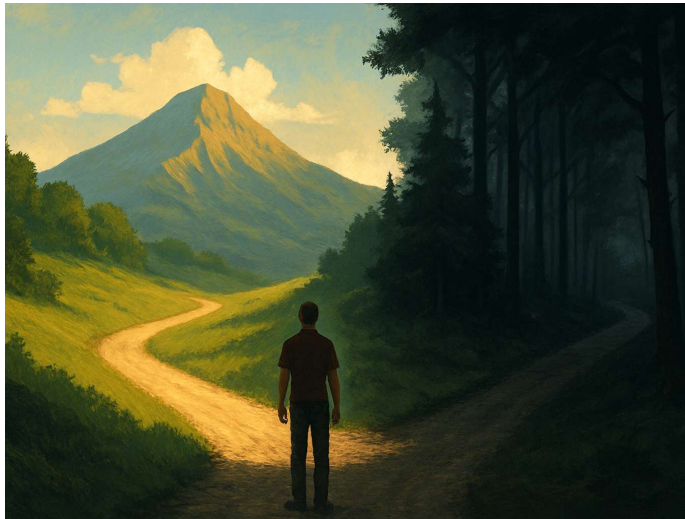
## TESTING FROM GOD IS NOT PUNISHMENT BECAUSE OF SIN.

- Testing from God always brings growth.
- Punishment from sin brings conviction from the Holy Spirit and correction from a wrong path we were on.



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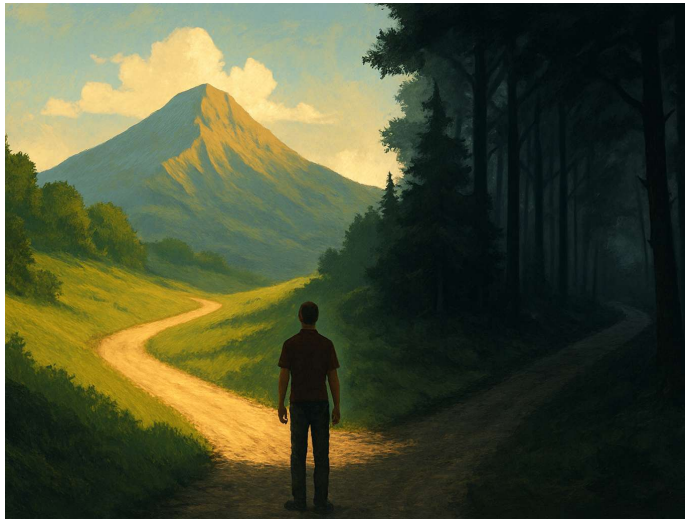


- Testing from God vs. Enemy Attacks
    - Testing from God should not be confused with attacks from the enemy
    - Enemy attacks bring fear, lies, and doubt
  - Difficulty in Differentiation
    - It is often hard to tell the difference between testing and attacks
    - Clarity may come during or after the experience
  - God's Protection and Testing
    - God can lift his hand of protection, allowing enemy attacks
    - Example: Job's experience with testing and protection
  - Vulnerability to Enemy
    - Open doors in our lives can make us vulnerable to enemy attacks
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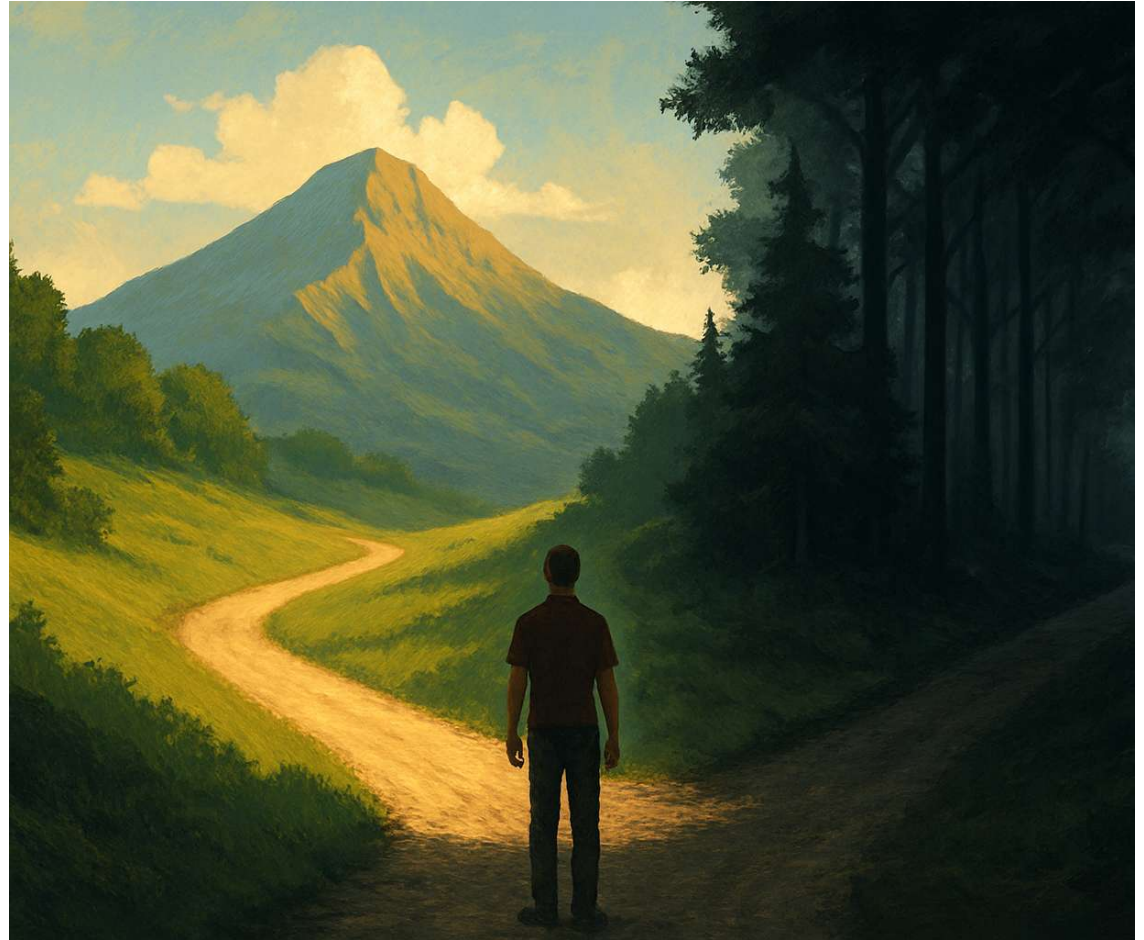


- Personal and Familiar open doors to the enemy.
    - How we can tell:
      - Multiple car accidents
      - Constantly getting sick
      - People are consistently against us, even when we are loving towards them.
      - ...
  - Open doors through curses.
    - This looks similar with the glaring difference being that we didn't open the door and there is not an open door in our generational line.
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## GOD'S TRUTH ABOUT TESTING YOU!

Think about the times that God has tested you, think about when he has challenged you in the belief system that you have been reliant on, think about when he has brought up things in your life that have become idols, Think about the times that God has placed people in your path that have challenged you, pushed your buttons the wrong way, and sometimes even offended you.



# THERE IS NO TRAUMA IN TESTING!

Refine you

Purify you

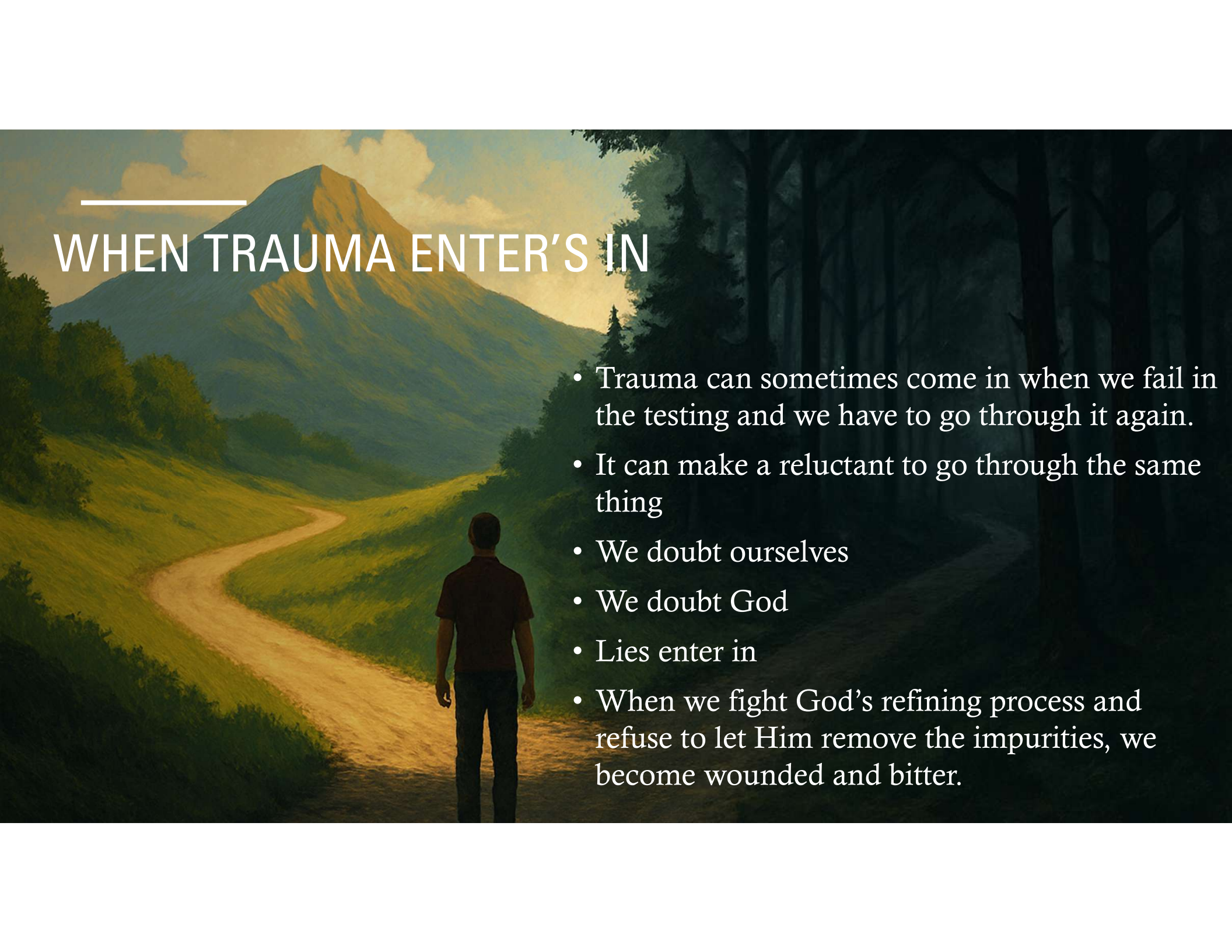
Make your roots grow deeper

Your foundations grow stronger

You can look more like Him

So that when others see you, they see Him!



A man in a dark shirt and pants stands with his back to the camera on a dirt path. The path splits: one branch leads towards a bright, sunlit mountain peak under a cloudy sky, while the other leads into a dark, dense forest. The scene is painted in a soft, artistic style.

# WHEN TRAUMA ENTER'S IN

- Trauma can sometimes come in when we fail in the testing and we have to go through it again.
- It can make a reluctant to go through the same thing
- We doubt ourselves
- We doubt God
- Lies enter in
- When we fight God's refining process and refuse to let Him remove the impurities, we become wounded and bitter.

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# DIFFERENT TESTS GOD WILL TAKE YOU THROUGH.



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# JOSEPH'S TESTING

## Service

- Embracing servanthood with humility before leadership

## Hiddenness

- Trusting God during seasons when you feel unseen or unnoticed

## Discouragement

- Standing firm despite setbacks and feelings of inadequacy

## Faithfulness

- Staying committed and steady even without immediate rewards

## Blessings

- Learning to remain grounded when you experience favor

## Jealousy

- Guarding your heart against envy and comparison.

## Faith

- Choosing to trust God fully through trials and spiritual stretching.



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# ABRAHAM'S TESTING

## Trusting God with Future Decisions

- Abraham left Ur and Haran for an unknown destination

## Trusting God Despite Unfair Outcomes

- Abraham chose peace and let Lot select the best land

## Believing in God's Promise

- Abraham believed God would give him a son despite the odds

## Waiting Faithfully in Long Seasons

- Abraham trusted God for the land, knowing fulfillment would be distant

## Sacrificing What is Most Dear

- Abraham was willing to offer his son Isaac in obedience to God

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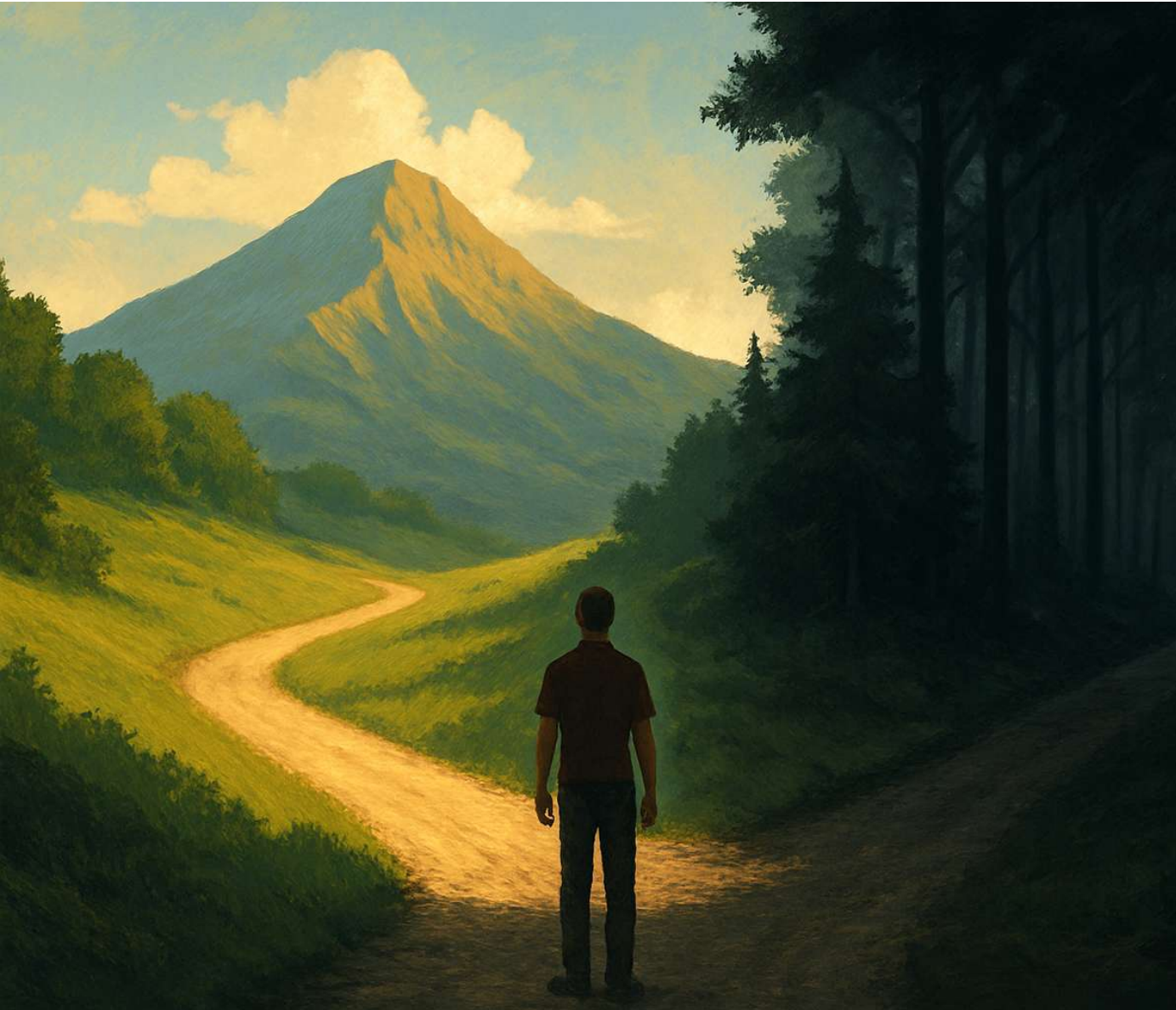
# THERE IS NO TRAUMA IN TESTING!

There are many of you that have claimed trauma from the testing I have put you in.

That trauma is not from me! What does happen from testing is I let past traumas come to the surface so that through your testing I can bring healing. Another thing that happens is that I let the things that you have been holding on to come to the surface through your testing.







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## HEALING IN TESTING

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- God is not going to test you in a place that he does not know that you can succeed in!
- When he is testing you, he's giving you a choice, but he is also giving you everything you need to succeed!



