Questions
“Why aren’t God’s promises being fulfilled?”
“Why does it seem I’m going backward?”
“Why does nothing seem to be going right?”
“God, why aren’t You moving in my life?”

Questions
“God, Where Are You?!"

Pathway to Destiny
1. Promise. (glimpse of your destiny)
2. Process. (wilderness)
3. Promotion. (promise fulfilled)

[1 PETER 1:6 | NKJV]
*In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials.*
[1 PETER 1:7 | NLT]
These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold — though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.

[JEREMIAH 15:18 | NKJV]
Why is my pain perpetual...

[GENESIS 37:2 | NLT]
Joseph reported to his father some of the bad things his brothers were doing.

[GENESIS 37:8 | NLT]
Joseph’s brothers hated him all the more because of his dreams and the way he talked about them.

**Joseph’s Character Before Refining**
1. He’s a tattletale.
2. He’s a bragger.
3. He talked down to his brothers.

[PSALM 105:17-18 | NKJV]
God sent a man before them — Joseph — who was sold as a slave. They hurt his feet with fetters, he was laid in irons.

[PSALM 105:19 | NKJV]
Until the time that his word came to pass (personal promise fulfilled), the word of the LORD tested him.

[GENESIS 42:9 | NKJV]
Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed about them.
PHILIPPIANS 2:12 | NKJV
Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

You can’t shorten your refining time, but you can lengthen it.

Malachi’s 3 Groups:
1. Believers who complain
2. Believers who fear God
3. Unbelievers

MALACHI 3:13 | MSG
God says, “You (complainers) have spoken hard, rude words to me. “You ask, ‘When did we ever do that?’

MALACHI 3:14 | MSG
“When you (complainers) said, ‘It doesn’t pay to serve God. What do we ever get out of it? When we did what He said...what difference did it make?”

MALACHI 3:15 | NLT
From now on we will call the arrogant (unbelievers) blessed. For those who do evil get rich, and those who dare God to punish them suffer no harm.”

MALACHI 3:16 | MSG
Then those whose lives honored God (fear God) got together and talked it over. God saw what they were doing and listened in. A book was opened in God’s presence and minutes were taken of the meeting, with the names of the God-fearers written down.

MALACHI 3:17 | MSG & NLT
God says, “They’re mine, all mine. They’ll get special treatment when I go into action. I treat them with the same consideration and kindness that parents give the child who honors them.

[MALACHI 3:18 | MSG & NLT]  
Once more you will see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.”

[JOB 23:8-9 | NKJV]  
“Look, I go forward, but He is not there, and backward, but I cannot perceive Him; when He works on the left hand, I cannot behold Him; when He turns to the right hand, I cannot see Him...”

[JOB 23:10 | NLT]  
But He knows where I am going. And when He tests me, I will come out as pure as gold.

[JOB 23:11-12 | NLT]  
For I have stayed on God’s paths; I have followed His ways and not turned aside. I have not departed from His commands, but have treasured His words more than daily food.

[2 CORINTHIANS 4:17 | NKJV]  
For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory...

[2 TIMOTHY 2:21 | NCV]  
All who make themselves clean from evil will be used for special purposes. They will be made holy, useful to the Master, ready to do any good work.

[ECCLESIASTES 3:1 | NKJV]  
To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.
[1 CHRONICLES 12:32 | NKJV]

The sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do.

Are You in a Wilderness Season?
2. God’s Promises Unfulfilled.
3. It Feels Like You are Making No Progress.
4. Trials like Never Before.
5. Unfulfilled Desires.

The Purpose of the Wilderness
1. Preparation (Maturing)
2. Refining (Purification)
3. Testing
4. Humbling
5. Strength Building
6. Revelation
7. Path to Fulfilled Promises

The Wilderness is not
1. Punishment
2. Disapproval
3. Abandonment
4. Shelved
5. Defeat

For Monday—
1. Evaluate your season; ask the Holy Spirit what He is doing in it.
2. Ask for God to draw out pure gold in you.
1. Have you ever experienced a season where you felt like you were going backwards in life? What eventually changed the direction?

2. Which life factors can shape our character?

3. How can we shift our mindset of questioning God into knowing we have a promise and a promotion?

4. What are some promises from God that you’ve seen fulfilled? What are those you’re still holding onto?

5. John Bevere talked about how gold is made and that you cannot see the impurities, until it is in severe heat...How does this insight apply to your personal trials? How does it encourage us to keep walking in faith? Read 1 Peter 1:6-7

6. Which of the five factors of a wilderness season hit home the most? (1. Absence of God’s Presence. 2. God’s Promises Unfulfilled. 3. It Feels Like You are Making No Progress. 4. Trials like Never Before. 5. Unfulfilled Desires.)


8. Pray for one another to see God’s perfect and complete will accomplished personally.