Series: Refined
Passage: Genesis 12:1-9
Sunday: January 14, 2024

****As we continue in our Refined theme, we will focus the next several weeks on figures in scripture who faced refining. ****

Genesis 12:1-9 (ESV)

The Call of Abram

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land
that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so
that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in
you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
[4] So Abram went, as the LORD had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when
he departed from Haran. [5] And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions
that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of
Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, [6] Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to
the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. [7] Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said,
"To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. [8] From
there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai
on the east. And there he built an altar to the LORD and called upon the name of the LORD. [9] And Abram
journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

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1. Think about a time when you moved away from your family or home. What challenges did you face? What kind of things did you leave behind?

2. What challenges might Abram have faced leaving his country and father's house to follow God's call?

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3. What does it mean for Abram to have God's blessing (verse 2)? What was Abram's responsibility in passing on that blessing?

4. List all the promises that God makes to Abram in this passage. Why are these promises significant? What is outstanding about Abram's response to God's promise in verse 7?

5. When is a time that you followed God's call in faith-filled obedience and worship?

6. How does the call to Abram test or refine his faith?

7. How has this passage helped "REFINE" your faith?