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SERMON SERIES

SEASONS OF LIFE
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**THE
SEASON OF
REFINEMENT**

PSALM 66:10-12

For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined. You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs. You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.



MALACHI 3:3

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify . . . and refine them like gold and silver."



A REFINER'S FIRE MELTS
DOWN METAL, SUCH AS GOLD
OR SILVER, FOR PURIFICATION
PURPOSES.



A REFINER'S FIRE DOES NOT
CONSUME, IT MAKES THE
METAL BETTER AND MORE
VALUABLE.



ISAIAH 48:10

"I have refined you, but not as silver is refined. Rather, I have refined you in the furnace of suffering."



JOB 23:10

“He knows the way that I take; when He has tested me, I will come forth as gold.”



THE PROCESS OF REFINEMENT



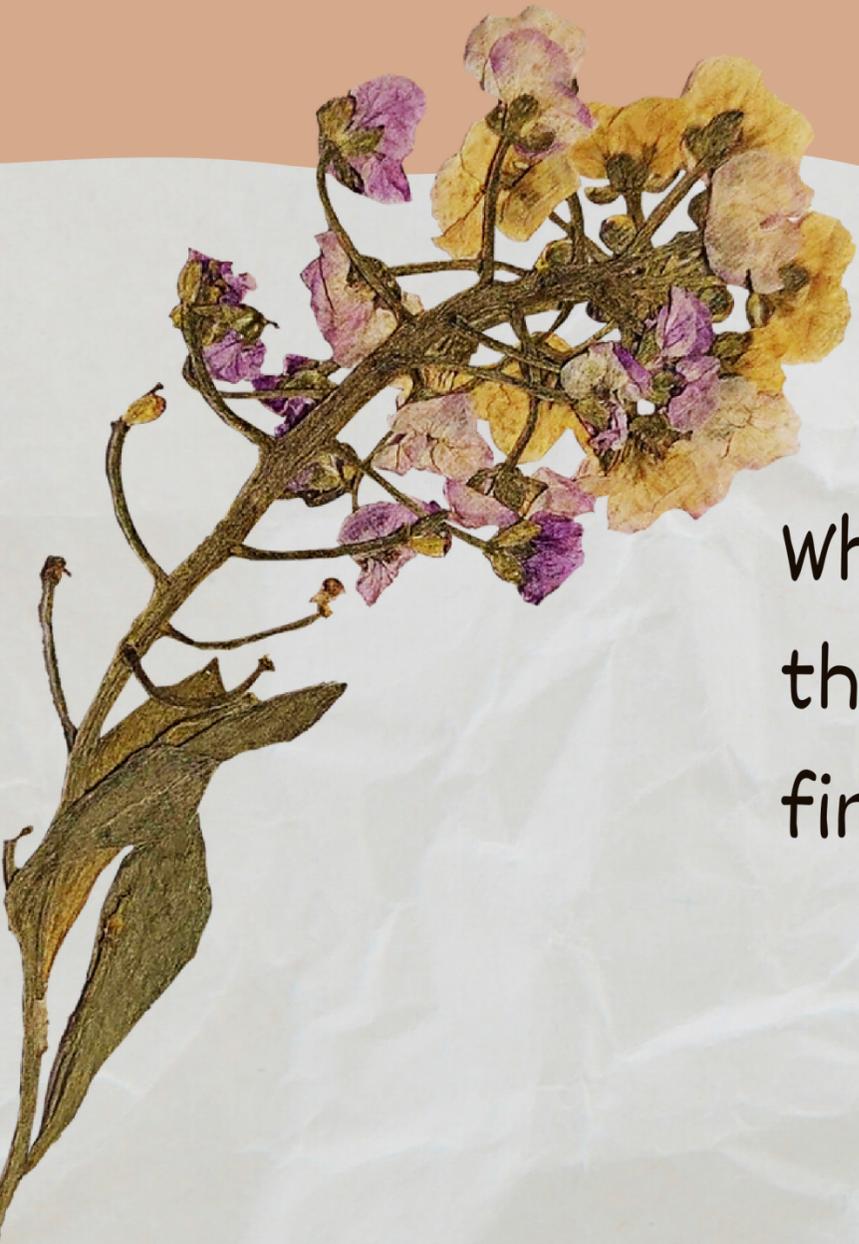
**1. IN THE HIGHEST HEAT
AND GREATEST
PRESSURE,
GOD IS THERE.**



2. NEVER FEAR FIRE.



ISAIAH 43:1



When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. when you walk through fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you."

**CHARACTER IS BUILT IN THE
FIRE.**



**3. FIRE ACCELERATES
YOUR VALUE.**



PEACE IS REALIZING GOD IS IN
CONTROL OF ALL THE PIECES
OF OUR LIVES.

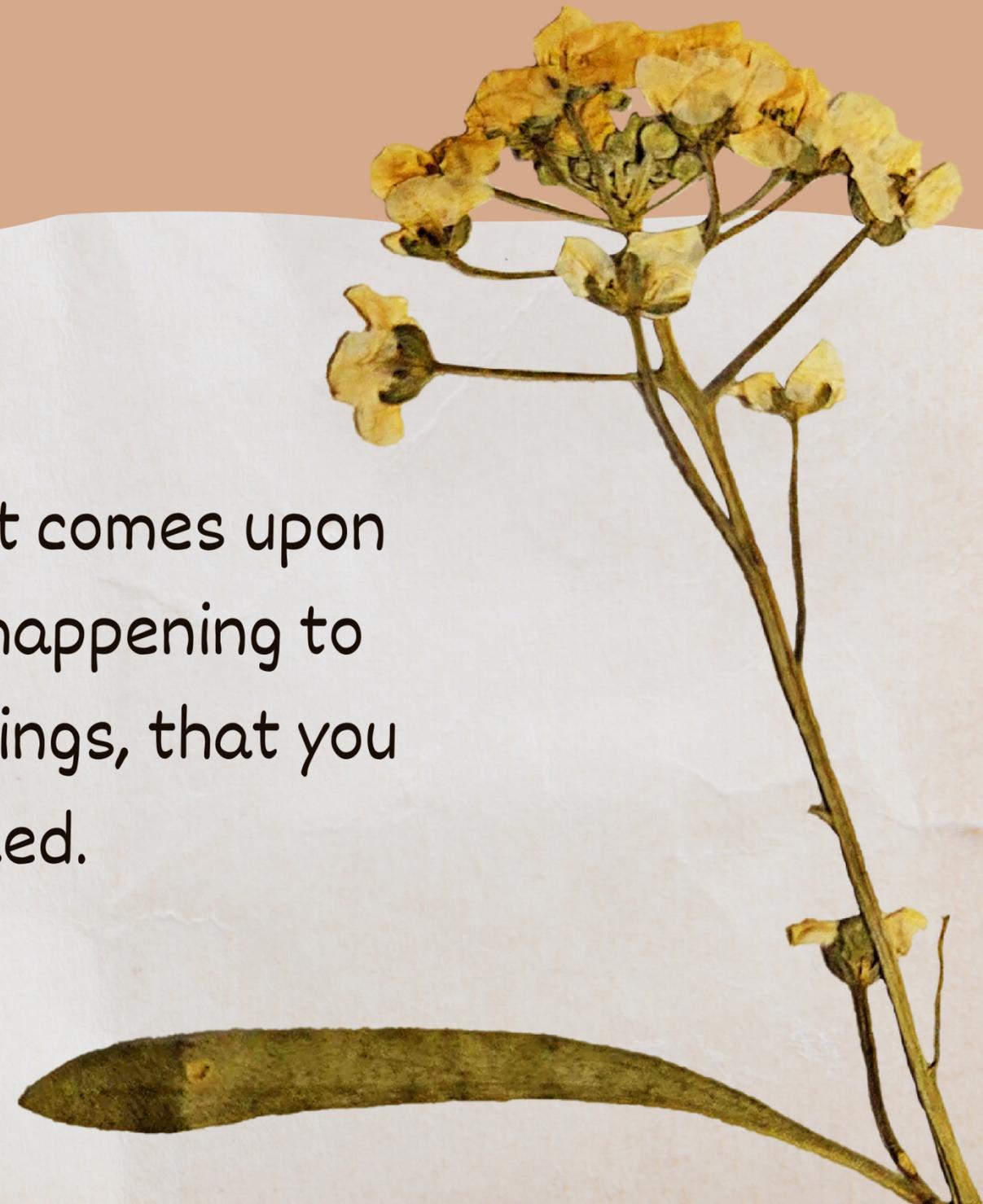


**4. EVERY PART OF YOUR
LIFE WILL BE TESTED BY
FIRE.**



1 PETER 4:12-13

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice, insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed.



**WE CAN'T BE REFINED IF WE
RUSH THE PROCESS!**

