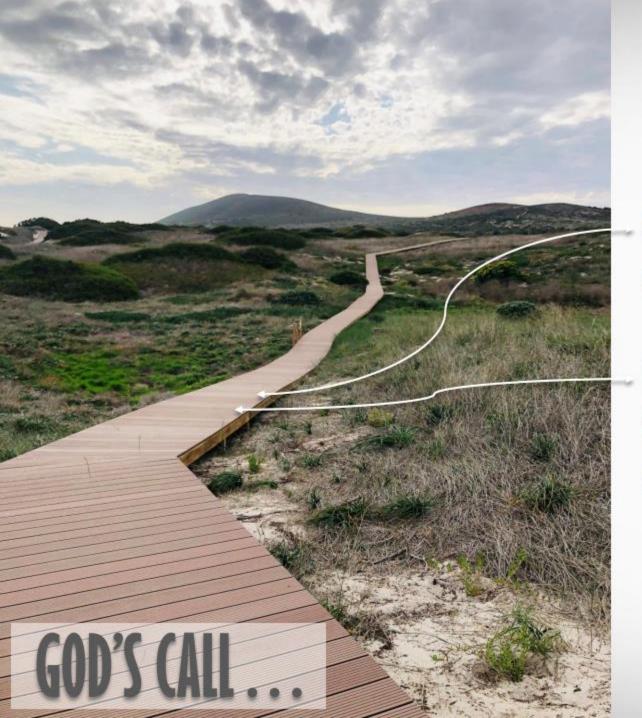


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Call to WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS and the WAYS OF GOD

RIGHTEOUS and GODLY LIVING through RELATIONSHIP with God and His Church



# Our road has not been easy - furnacy!?

- → The ways of God, the righteous way
- → The narrow path
- → Returning to our first love
- → Yielding

What is God drawing us from? What is God drawing us to?

How do we know whether transformation has happened?

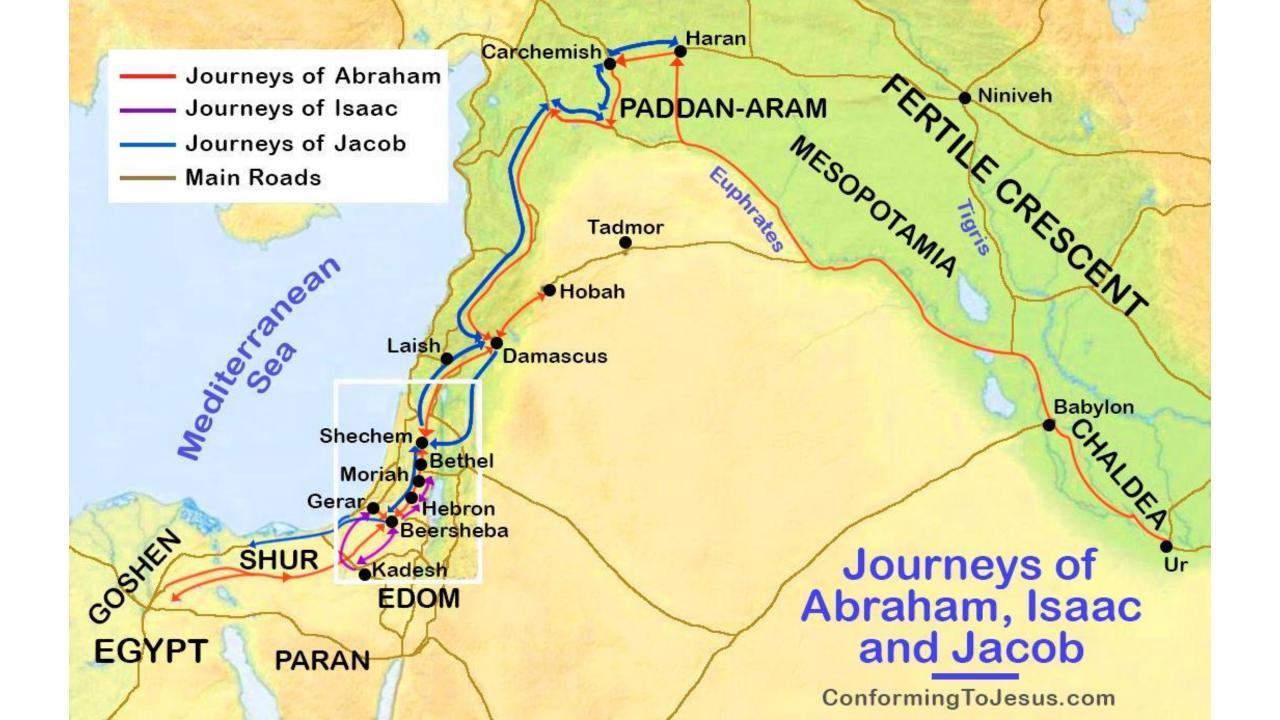
Who likes tests? Why do we test our children/employees? Do we test to affirm or broaden our trust? Why do we need God to test us?

**Ex 16:3,4** If only we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt!" they said. "There we sat by pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, but you have brought us into this desert to starve this whole assembly to death!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I will rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather enough for that day. <u>In this way I will test whether or not they will follow My instructions.</u>

### His tests bring him glory

Deut 8:16-18 He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers had not known, in order to humble you and test you, so that in the end He might cause you to prosper. You might say in your heart, "The power and strength of my hands have made this wealth for me." But remember that it is the LORD your God who gives you the power to gain wealth, in order to confirm His covenant that He swore to your fathers even to this day

# The road he wants us to walk is the means by which you become more holy



### Abraham's journey (Gen 22)

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

Abraham had faith in **Elohim**, the true God and followed his command.

In El Elyon because he was superior in all ways and to be worshipped

In El Adonai because he is sovereign and master of all

In El Shaddai who is almighty and none can stop his plans

In **El Olam** who is the everlasting God who would deliver on his promise.

Through 40 plus years God established himself in Abraham's heart that Abraham trusted God to raise his son from the ashes. God would see to it.

God will see to it but he wants to reveal himself to you that you might believe him. That he is who he says he is.

### Abraham's journey (Gen 11 - 13)

Abram journeyed with his father Terah.

On their way to Canaan they settled at Haran where Terah died and then Abram receives the call from God to move to a land that God will show him Famine in Canaan caused Abram to sojourn(temporary stay) to Egypt There he and Lot gather wealth but also had to leave because deceived Pharoah Returned to Bethel but between Lot and himself there was not enough land to host their livestock. Lot and Abram separate from each other.

**Gen 13:14,15** Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever.

God(Elohim/El) call has a glorious end.

The childless foreigner who owns nothing has received a promise from **Elohim** 

### Abraham's journey (Gen 14)

The kings in Canaan are fighting against each other and Lot is taken captive.

Abram + 318 of his kinsmen comes to Lots rescue and recovers all his possessions.

Abram meets Melchizedek, priest of **God most High** and gives a 10th of the spoil.

**El Elyon** means there is no idol, god, or created being that should be worshipped or exalted over the Lord because He is superior in every way.

Abram just defeated 5 kings with his men. <u>Abram with his trained men</u>, living in tents went to go and defeat kings and save his kinsmen and everything he owned.

Gen. 14:20 Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who has delivered your enemies into your hand!

It's not you Abram, I(God most High) am doing it.

### Abraham's journey (Gen 15)

After these things (<u>living in tents in Canaan and still no offspring</u>) the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision and reveals himself as **Adonai**.

Adonai is translated as "Lord Master". People used Adonai when addressing humans who were master or lord over them. Adonai tells Abram, this is what I am about to do. Look at the stars. That's how much offspring you will have.

Even though Abram believed God, we see, like Peter the winds and waves spoke to him and asked God for a sign.

God made a covenant with Abram, Adonai puts his sovereignty on the line. You can trust me Abram. This land will belong to your offspring.

### I am sovereign Abram. I cannot fail!

## Abraham's journey (Gen 16)

Abram and Sarai loses patience with God's plan and Ishmael is born. God was to slow and Abram listened to the voice of reason and forgot the covenant to which he was bound.

In waiting for the fulfilment of the promise - the kind where I can put this issue to bed and never have to pray about it again - Abram overlooked the grace that keeps drawing him to God. The prayers that may appear unanswered, but actually are fulfilled in ways that keep me dependent, tethered, needy.

**Ex 16:4** Each day the people are to go out and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether or not they will follow My instructions.

God gives us the gift of dependance.

### Abraham's journey (Gen 17)

When Abram was 99 years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, I am God Almighty walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly

**El Shaddai** would translate to God Almighty. Another definition is "The Overpowerer," meaning God will do what He purposes to do, overpowering all opposition.

Behold, my covenant is with you, and you will be the the same word for let there be light) father of a multitude of nations. 5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations.

El Shaddai creates by speaking. He makes dead things come alive. What is to difficult for him.

## Abraham's journey (Gen 21)

Isaac is born to a 100 year old Abraham

Abraham makes a treaty with Abimelech to have <u>claim to land</u> - that place was called Beersheba, because there both of them swore an oath. So they made a covenant at Beersheba.

After Abraham entered into a peace treaty with Abimelech and Phicol at Beersheba, he called upon **El Olam** as a display of his faith that the **Everlasting God** would deliver on His covenant promise to give his descendants the Land

El Olam, teaches us that God is unchangeable (Malachi 3:6).

His plans and purposes are timeless, and He will not fail to follow through with them (Isaiah 37:26).

# He is moving the bus in you/one revelation at a time







