**REFINED – LESSON 1**

**A trial:** *“Oh no! Not this!!”*

**Who is God? ---** Romans 1:21 – 25, 28

 Psalm 9:10

 Name = character + reputation

God is good … Psalm 25:8

 Jeremiah 33:11

 Nahum 1:7

James 1:17 - God is the final standard of all good -

Psalm 31:19 - How great -

 Is your goodness -

 Which you have stored up -

 For those who trust you -

 Which you bestow -

 On those who take refuge in you -

Psalm 145:9 – The Lord is good to everyone!

Matthew 5: 44 & 45

Habakkuk 1:13 – There is not one drop of badness in God

James 1:13, 17 – God does not change to accommodate evil –

Jeremiah 32:40 – God's goodness is chasing you down!

If God is so good, why is there suffering?

 1 - Revelation 21:4 – Heaven is the perfect place, earth is the fallen place

 2 - Freedom of choice -

 3 - God's goodness always wins even in a fallen world -

 4 - II Corinthians 12: 7 – 10 – We really do have an enemy -

Psalm 119:68 – You are good and do good.

Psalm 34:8

Romans 8:26 –

Romans 8:27 –

Romans 8:28 –

Romans 8:29 -

**REFINED – DAILY DEVOTION**

***Nuggets of Gold***

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**Day 1 –** Use three adjectives to describe God.

 1

 2

 3

 Read Romans 1:21 – 32.

 According to these verses, why is it important to know Who God is?

**Day 2 –** Define “good” without looking it up in the dictionary.

 Read Psalm 9:7-10 and Psalm 25:8-11; Jeremiah 33:11and Nahum 1:7.

 What do these verses tell you about the character of God?

 What are some of the ways that Christians should do in response to knowing God's character?

**Day 3 -** Read James 1:1 -17.

 Why is it important to know that God never changes?

 Why is it important to know that anything that is good comes from God?

**Day 4 -** Read Psalm 31.

 Have you ever been ashamed of God? Why or why not?

 What does verse 7 say should be our response to God's lovingkindness?

 What do you believe is the most significant verse in this Chapter? Write it out and memorize it this week.

**Day 5 –** Read Psalm 145.

 What do verses 1 and 2 emphasize?

 Write down some of the words in this chapter that describe God.

 How can you declare His praise this week? Be practical.

**Day 6 -**  Read Matthew 5:44 & 45; Jeremiah 32:38-41; Psalm 119:65-72.

 What do these three passages of Scripture teach you about God's goodness?

**Day 7 –** Read Psalm 34:1-8 and Romans 8:26-39.

 What does it mean to “taste and see that the Lord is good”?

 How do you “taste” the Lord?

 Have you ever experienced the miracle of God working something good in your life? Tell someone about it this week.