



Into the WILDERNESS

February 12, 2023 – “Why the Wilderness?”

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

✦ The Bible speaks both _____ and extensively about the wilderness experiences of people.

Hosea 2:14-15a

Question: What is it about the wilderness experiences that can be so transformative for us?

Why the wilderness?

1. The Lord led us there.
2. The choices we made got us there.
3. We end up there by no fault of our own.

Romans 8:28

✦ The one thing that is immovable in this unstable, unpredictable world...is _____.

Isaiah 43:19, James 1:2-4

✦ The wilderness is an opportunity for our _____ to be tested, and a time to grow spiritually.

Hebrews 12:1-2

✦ _____ and _____ force us to press into faith, into Christ, and into prayer.

There are times in life where we must come face to face with our reality and stand squarely on our faith in God.

✦ The wilderness experiences are necessary seasons in life that aid us in our _____ process.

The wilderness often turns into a _____ etched on our hearts and minds that we will never forget.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil.

HOME WORK: Read Matthew 4:1-11

Answers: fondly, God, faith, Hardship, adversity, sanctification, lesson.

*all verses were taken from the NLT unless otherwise noted.