

**By Faith, Moses Led in the Wilderness
Select Scriptures**

Intro: The wilderness is a “place,” but it is also a “process” of learning and growing spiritually through three common elements.

I. Experience #1 – _____ – 15:22-26

A. Awareness – No _____

B. Action – _____

C. Answer – A _____

II. Experience #2 – _____ – 16:2-12, 17:4-6

A. Awareness – _____

B. Action – Longing for _____

C. Answer – God Will _____

God saved his people from Egypt then provided for them in the wilderness. This points to when Jesus came into the world, God gave something better than manna from heaven and water from the rock. He gave Jesus, the living bread and water.

III. Experience #3 – _____ – 17:8-13

A. 17:8 - Awareness – The _____ Battles

B. 17:9-13 - Action – _____ on God

C. Answer – God Gave _____

Applications: In our wilderness experiences we too can see God work powerfully and provide perfectly. What to do?

1. _____ – Settle on the truth of who God is.

2. _____ – How’s your heart – Hebrews 3:7-9

3. _____ – God provided for Israel’s every need.

4. _____ – God’s Leading – Always Perfect.

Andrew Murray – “It is by His will that I am in this place: in that fact I will rest...I am here by God’s appointment, in His keeping, under His training, for His time.”

Conclusion - Are you in a wilderness experience today? Remember you are there by God’s leading and in His perfect care. You may not see it, but there is no better place to be.

Small Group Questions

1. What do you think of when you hear the word “wilderness?”
2. What is meant by the wilderness is a “place,” but it is also a “process” of learning and growing spiritually.
3. Review the three wilderness experiences from this week’s sermon (bitterness, beckoning, and battles) that the Israelites faced. What do you think God was trying to teach them?
4. Read Exodus 16:8. Who were the Israelites grumbling against? Why is grumbling against people or about our problems in reality grumbling against God?
5. Read John 6:35, John 7:37-39, and 1 Corinthians 10:4. How does the manna and the water from the rock apply to Christ?
6. Discuss the four applications from this week’s sermon. Give a reason why is each one valuable for our wilderness experiences.
7. How is God calling you to think differently?
8. What is God calling you to do as you go about your daily life?