

War in the Wilderness ***Matthew 3:13-17***

Matthew 3:13-17 (NIV)

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. 16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.

Matthew 4:1 (NIV)

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

→ ***"You'll never be crowned with your calling until you've been crushed by a crucible season."***

cru·ci·ble -

a situation of severe trial, or in which different elements interact, leading to the creation of something new.

A crucible is a metal dish that is heated to melt metal so it can be molded.

1. Don't find your Joy in the JORDAN

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→ ***Moments create memories but tough decisions create legacies***

2. Make War in the WILDERNESS

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"It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply." God actually rises up storms of conflict in relationships at times in order to accomplish that deeper work in our character. A.W. Tozer

3. IF YOU DON'T GIVE YOU WIN

Luke 22:39-45 (NIV)

39 Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. 40 On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." 41 He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, 42 "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." 43 An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. 44 And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. 45 When he rose from prayer and went back to the disciples, he found them asleep, exhausted from sorrow.

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