

Weekend Message Questions

Series: The Devil is a Liar – Wk 2: Wilderness/Promised Land Faithfulness

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CHECK-IN: What season do you feel like you're in right now—more of a wilderness (uncertain, stressful, lacking) or a promised land (stable, comfortable, doing well)? Why?

READ

Exodus 16:1–5 (God provides manna in the wilderness)

DISCUSS

1. What fears or complaints do you hear from the Israelites in this moment of crisis?
2. Why do you think God chose to provide *daily* bread instead of a long-term solution?
3. Which wilderness lie do you relate to most right now?
 - *I am not worthy*
 - *I am not capable*
 - *I am lost or hopeless*

READ

Numbers 13:26–33 (The spies' report)

DISCUSS

1. What is the difference between how the majority of spies see the situation versus Joshua and Caleb?
2. How can fear cause people to believe lies even when God has already proven Himself faithful?
3. Where do you see “half-truths” at work in this passage (things that are true, but not the whole truth)?

READ

Joshua 24:14–18 (Choosing faithfulness in the Promised Land)

DISCUSS

1. Why do you think Joshua has to remind the people to choose faithfulness after they've settled the land?
2. Which Promised Land lie feels most tempting today?
 - I don't have enough
 - Success matters most
 - I must prove my value
3. Why are these lies harder to notice in seasons of comfort and stability?

READ

John 6:35 - *“I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”*

DISCUSS

1. How does Jesus connect both wilderness provision (daily bread) and promised land faithfulness?
2. What does it look like to depend on Jesus daily in:
 - Times of crisis?
 - Times of comfort?
3. Why do you think rejecting lies and hearing God's voice must be a daily practice?

APPLY

Answer honestly—this is about ownership, not perfection.

- Which lie are you most tempted to believe right now?
- What does “daily bread” look like for you this week (Scripture, prayer, community, obedience)?
- What is one **specific action** you can take this week to create space to hear God’s voice?
(Example: daily prayer time, Scripture before social media, accountability, serving)

PRAYER TIME

Pray together using the Lord’s Prayer, focusing especially on “**Give us today our daily bread.**”

Then pray for:

- Discernment to recognize lies
- Trust in God during uncertainty
- Faithfulness and humility during seasons of success

Can you use prayer? <https://hopefellowship.net/prayer-request/>