

Message: Welcome the Wilderness – Learning to Welcome the Wilderness

- 1) Learning to Welcome the Wilderness
- 2) The Temptation of Jesus
- 3) Don't Forget to Remember

WILDERNESS DEFINITION: A TIME IN LIFE WHEN SOMETHING HAS CHANGED EXTERNALLY THAT MADE ME FEEL LOST INTERNALLY.

Our desire to get out of the wilderness can cause us to miss all that God has for us in the wilderness.

God, would you help me get all I can out of the wilderness before I get out of the wilderness?

"Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? Didn't we say to you in Egypt, leave us alone, let us serve the Egyptians? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert." Exodus 14:11

"If we had only died by the Lord's hand in Egypt. There we sat around with pots of meat, and we ate all the food we wanted, but you brought us out here into this desert to starve the entire assembly to death." Exodus 16:3

When the Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." So God led them around by the desert road toward the Red Sea. Exodus 13:17-18

GOD LEADS HIS PEOPLE TO THE WILDERNESS, AND GOD LEADS HIS PEOPLE WHILE THEY ARE IN THE WILDERNESS.

He (God) led you through the vast and dreadful that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. Deuteronomy 8:15

GOD REVEALS HIMSELF IN THE DESERT.

I AM WHO I AM. Exodus 3:14

GOD ALWAYS USES THE WILDERNESS TO PREPARE US FOR SOMETHING THAT'S COMING LATER.

"From this day to the ending of the world, we in it shall be remembered. We few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother. And he ne'er so vile this day shall gentle his condition, and the gentleman in England who were now abed, that they're going to think themselves accursed that they were not here, and they are gonna hold their manhoods cheap while any speaks that fought with us upon Saint Crispin's day." William Shakespeare

Because your love is better than life... Psalm 63:3