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The Wilderness: Finding God in Your Difficult Season

Trusting God in the Wilderness

Exodus 13:18–22 (HCSB)

So He led the people around toward the Red Sea along the road of the wilderness. And the Israelites left the land of Egypt in battle formation.

¹⁹ Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, because Joseph had made the Israelites swear a solemn oath, saying, “God will certainly come to your aid; then you must take my bones with you from this place.” ²⁰ They set out from Succoth and camped at Etham on the edge of the wilderness. ²¹ The LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to lead them on their way during the day and in a pillar of fire to give them light at night, so that they could travel day or night. ²² The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night never left its place in front of the people.

Exodus 40:34–38 (HCSB)

The cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses was unable to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud rested on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶ The Israelites set out whenever the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle throughout all the stages of their journey. ³⁷ If the cloud was not taken up, they did not set out until the day it was taken up. ³⁸ For the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and there was a fire inside the cloud by night, visible to the entire house of Israel throughout all the stages of their journey.

1. LIFE CAN TAKE YOU ON A WINDING _____ THAT SOMETIMES LEADS TO THE WILDERNESS

- Rarely do we travel a _____ path in the wilderness.
- Part of the wilderness experience is dealing with the detours.

2. EVEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE WILDERNESS WE STILL MUST _____ GOD’S INSTRUCTIONS

- During the difficult seasons, God is still providing direction.
- We can _____ our way home with God going ahead of us.

3. SOMETIMES WE FEEL _____ LIKE A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY

- When you have no place to call home, it helps to know God is with you.
- Like Israel living in tents, this world is not our _____.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (HCSB)

For we know that if our temporary, earthly dwelling is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands.

4. LEARNING TO _____ GOD IS THE ONLY WAY OUT OF THE WILDERNESS

“Trusting God in the Wilderness: Living in Light of the Book of Numbers” article by Timothy Escott

The Wilderness is:

- A Place of _____
- A Place of Judgement
- A Place of _____
- A Place of Blessing

The Next Step:

When you find yourself wandering in the wilderness, trust God to lead you out.