

Wilderness: Growing Off the Grid

Tested in the Wilderness // Matthew 4:1-11

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1. _____ : Experience is a catalyst for faith.

The desert wilderness is not an easy place to be.

Hardship and adversity force us to press into what we trust the most... and if we put our faith and trust in God during those times, we will strengthen our faith and gain experience, and experience with God can become a catalyst for our faith.

2. _____ : God's plan includes the Wilderness.

Matthew 4:1-2

Jesus was Led by the SPIRIT to be TEMPTED (Jesus Trusted God's leading).

3. _____ : Wilderness experiences show us who our trust is in.

Psalms 119:11; 121:3

1 Corinthians 10:13

Isaiah 26:3-4

Psalms 56:3-4

Romans 12:2

Questions for Further Study

1. When in life have you felt God leading you into a wilderness season? What did you learn or experience during that time?
2. Looking at Matthew 4:1-11, what is interesting about the temptations that Jesus faced? Why were they considered temptations for him?
3. Have you ever shared your wilderness season experiences with someone? Why or why not?
4. Can you recall God's provision during the wilderness season?
5. Like Joseph, when he was sold by his brothers, have you ever wondered "why" in your wilderness?
6. When you're in a wilderness season... do you trust God to get you through... or yourself?