

WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE

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Topic:
WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE
Text:Matthew 4:1-2

Prayer

Our Father we bless your name, we exalt you for today, be thou exalted in Jesus Christ name. Lord, as we go into your word, minister unto us in Jesus Christ name, Amen.

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[1]Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

[2]And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

Study

The Christians in this generation want everything to come easily. They have forgotten the part of building and training. Even Jesus didn't manifest easily, even though He was God. He never jumped into ministry, it was through a process. He didn't just start healing people and performing miracles until He had gone through wilderness experience. This is the template that everybody who wants to become great in life must follow — embracing your wilderness experience.

No one is built solidly without a wilderness experience. No one is launched by God without undergoing wilderness experience first. No one is refined and solidified without wilderness experience. If you have not undergone wilderness experience and you start a ministry, the chances of your ministry surviving is very slim, because you don't have all it takes to sustain it.

What then is this Wilderness Experience?

Wilderness experience is a season in the life of a Christian when God allows him to pass through times of hardship, isolation, testing, waiting, or uncertainty in order to refine his character, deepen his faith, and prepare him for His purpose. Take note that wilderness experience is not a bad thing. It's meant to refine and solidify you. Have you ever wondered why we have half baked Christians these days? It's because many who are supposed to be in their wilderness experience periods are presently on the altar teaching.

They didn't wait for God to launch them before they went. They were not thoroughly baked, furnished or prepared for the assignment God has called them to do. But, all they want to do is appear suddenly, forgetting that he who appears suddenly disappears suddenly. God is not a magician and does not behave like one. He builds, moulds, refines, solidifies and trains those He wants to use in one way or the other before He sends them out. If the devil could make his minions under trainings on how to carry out his assignment, then why do you think you should go into the world to shine without spiritual trainings or preparations?

Note that wilderness experience is not to punish you. Some would think that once they accept Jesus Christ, everything would go smoothly and they won't pass through trials and tribulations. But, they do not know that we have been told that we will pass through all those things we fear but God would be with us and keep us. **John 16:33: KJV.** "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." Looking at our text; **Matthew 4:1-2: KJV.** "Then was Jesus LED UP OF THE SPIRIT into the WILDERNESS to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungry." When it was getting to

the time for Jesus to begin His ministry in full, God knew He needed to undergo wilderness experience and Jesus had to be led by the Spirit into the wilderness for the experience. There he was, fasting and praying for 40 days. Why didn't Jesus do the 40 fasting and prayer at home? It's because the home cannot be compared to the wilderness. There is comfort at home and you cannot fully experience the wilderness experience in comfort, because the goal of the wilderness experience is not comfort.

If He had stayed in His place of comfort, who knows if He wouldn't have been able to fast that long and the devil wouldn't have been able to fully tempt Him. One of the advantages of being tempted by the devil and overcoming is that it makes you more stronger in faith. It helps you move beyond the surface level of your spiritual growth. Every victory over deep temptations ushers you into a greater level in your walk with God. So, Jesus was led to a place where there was no comfort. A place where He was built, broken and remoulded. A place where His heart, strength, depth in the word and faith were tested.

Wilderness Experience does not necessarily mean a physical place where there are bushes and all. It is basically a phase or season God is taking you through to humble, test, prepare and train you. Some people get very proud after attaining a level of progress or height simply because they had not become broken enough during the wilderness experience before they bolted out and hurried to shine. He who refuses to patiently get moulded and built by God will experience tough times while carrying out the assignment placed in His hands. And, the last thing you will want to experience is being spiritually half baked and going to do the assignment God placed in your hands. It will be disastrous with a lot problems and difficulties. May that not be our portion in Jesus Christ name.

What are the main purposes of wilderness experience?

1. Spiritual growth: One of the main reasons God would make a man go through wilderness experience is to make him grow spiritually. If God is sending you to go deliver some people and your spiritual life is not solid, you might end up receiving evil arrows. It's just like a soldier going to the battlefield without bullets, is that not very dangerous? Of course it is. So, God would make a person experience the wilderness experience so that he can move closer to Him and become more serious with his spiritual growth.

Hosea 2:14: KJV

"Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her." By the time God brings the person into the wilderness experience phase, then He will begin to speak to the person and groom the person spiritually. When you enter that phase, you will experience the real growth experience. You will understand more that you grow more when pain is involved. It may sound unreal, but it's true. Growth and pain cannot be separated. They go hand in hand. They work together. You can never experience a true growth without pain, it's not possible. So, if you decide to isolate pain only, wanting to go after growth, you are only deceiving yourself. Real growth comes when pain is involved. If you do not believe, try studying the scriptures during the day and praying at midnight for 3 hours each everyday. Try it consistently for 21 days, then see how easy it would be.

2. Dependence and intimacy with God: When you undergo wilderness experience, it's in a bid to make you solely dependent on God and to build intimacy with Him. That moment of trials, tribulations, temptations and intense spiritual exercises will help you build intimacy with God. You will understand how to react in unpleasant situations, how to speak to God, how to master

hearing His voice, how to stand in the days of adversity, how to resist the devil, how to use the power of God inside you, how to respond to situations and many other lessons. These are what the wilderness experience would teach you. Some wouldn't have learnt how to depend on God if they didn't find themselves in that phase when nobody was willing to help them. It was then they learnt to totally depend on God for bread, water and shelter. And, thank God they learnt that, because if they had not, they wouldn't be experiencing God's goodness in ministry now and would have possibly digressed or diverted into working for the devil.

3. It teaches patience: The work that God has sent you to do requires a deep act of patience. A man who does not have patience cannot carry out the assignment of God. This is why God takes men through the wilderness experience to enable them develop patience which is needed for the work ahead. **James 1:2-4:** "My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Patience is one of the keys to a successful assignment. Because of lack of patience, many have left ministry. Many have given up on the assignment God entrusted in their hands. Many are stuck. Many are discouraged. Many have drawn back.

Many have gone back into the world. These and many others are what lack of patience have caused. And, the wilderness experience teaches patience a lot. Just imagine the devil coming to tempt Jesus with what Jesus needed more at that point in time — bread. It took patience for Jesus not to have fallen for the temptation of the devil because He was indeed hungry and there is a saying that an hungry man is an angry man. Apparently, Jesus could have been angry that the devil came when He was

hungry. And, the anger could have caused Him to even sin. Patience helps the work of God in your hands to progress and not die and the wilderness experience is the best way to learn patience, because when all things look like they are falling, God is telling you to wait on Him. May we receive the grace to keep waiting on Him in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

Lessons to learn in the wilderness

1. **Faith:** The wilderness experience will make your faith in God be solidified. It aims to teach you a strong level of faith in God. The wilderness experience should teach us faith in God. The children of Israel faced a lot of wilderness of experiences, but when they refused to still have faith in God, a generation was wiped out save Joshua and Caleb only. **Hebrews 3:16-19:** "For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swore he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

2. **Contentment:** The wilderness experience teaches contentment, because during that period, God will be trimming and pruning your appetite. He wouldn't allow you feed your flesh with pleasurable things. John the Baptist was in the wilderness and his food was wild locust and honey. The reason some people are finding it hard to control their appetite and love for money even despite being spiritual is because they skipped the wilderness experience that is meant to teach them about contentment.

3. **Obedience:** The wilderness experience will help you learn total obedience in God. Because at that point, you will be broken enough to put your will aside and submit totally to God. You will

notice that during the trials of many people is when they begin to attend churches services more, studying their Bibles daily and also praying. It's because their wilderness experience is teaching them obedience. You will know that you just have to obey, because at that point, you have gotten to the end of yourself and your strength is gone. All you are doing is total dependence on God. The wilderness experience teaches you obedience.

4. Consistent fellowshiping with God: One of the lessons you will always learn is consistency in fellowshiping with God. For someone who has always been on and off with God, by the time he or she passes through the wilderness experience, he or she would learn how to consistently fellowship with God.

Ways to survive the wilderness experience

1. Prayer: This is one of the major ways to survive the wilderness experience. Without prayer, you cannot survive it because it's through prayer you will constantly communicate with God. And, constant communication with God will help you know how to navigate the wilderness experience, because it is He that has allowed it in your life. **Luke 22:44-45:** "And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. And when he rose up from prayer, and was come to his disciples, he found them sleeping for sorrow," Jesus prayed to the point that his sweat was as drops of blood. It was about time for Him to experience something deeper and He had to pray earnestly. So, we prayer is one of the ways we can survive the wilderness experience.

2. Feeding on God's word: In the wilderness experience, your flesh will be subjected to a lot of fasting and prunings. Hence, you need to feed your Spirit man. Your Spirit man needs to be fed for you to be able to survive because it's not always a very sweet experience. It mostly comes with pains and endurance. So,

feeding on God's word constantly helps to strengthen your Spirit man and help you know more about the things you ought to do and things you shouldn't do. **John 5:39:** "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." When you feed on God's word intensely, it will help your Spirit man to be very active and prepared to ensure and suffer long all through the period of your wilderness experience.

3. Worship and Thanksgiving: Worshipping God in Spirit and in truth will help you survive together with offering thanksgiving to God. The reason we sometimes complain about situations is because we are not thankful. But, when we sustain a heart of thanksgiving, it will help condition and reposition our hearts to obeying and sticking to the process. True worship will help humble your heart before God and make you connect to Him in Spirit. While thanksgiving will gladden your heart and see reasons you shouldn't complain and grumble.

These are some of the ways to survive the wilderness experience you pass through. And, the moment you successfully pass through your wilderness experience, the next is glorification from above. Because, after passing any test or trial, there is always a reward awaiting you. In summary, the wilderness experience is not to make you suffer basically, it's to prune your excesses, break and remould you, build you, fill you and increase your knowledge. It will help birth self control, long suffering and resilience in you. It will cut pride from you and make you humble. Hence, you will be prepared for the assignment God has for you and be able to do as He expects you to do.

Therefore, do not skip your wilderness experience. Prayerfully and joyfully pass through that season because it's meant to prepare you for a greater future.

This is where we draw the curtains of the teaching. Do have a great day ahead.

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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