

Walking With God Through the Wilderness



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Deuteronomy 8:1-11 (NIV)

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in obedience to him and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

Deuteronomy 8:1

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God's discipline is administered in love so they can possess the promise.

Deuteronomy 8:2

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Deuteronomy 8:3-5

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Walking with God through the wilderness teaches us to hunger for God
above all else.

Walking with God through the wilderness, we learn God's provision.

*“...man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from
the mouth of the LORD.”*

Walking with God through the wilderness, we are taught and disciplined
by a loving Father.

*“...the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights
in”
(Prov. 3:12)*

Walking with God through the wilderness enables us to possess the
promise.

Respond by using the principle in James 4:7-8:

“Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you.”

What to do in the Wilderness?

Develop an attitude of thanksgiving and gratitude regardless of present circumstances. Remember what God has done!

“When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you....But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant...”

(Deut. 8:10, 18).

What to do in the Wilderness?

1. Remember what God has done
2. Yield to God

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2. Yield to God
3. Resist the devil — learn & engage in spiritual warfare!

*“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes”
(Eph. 6:10-11).*

What to do in the Wilderness?

1. Remember what God has done
2. Yield to God
3. Resist the devil
4. Flee from temptation

“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry.”

(1 Cor. 10:13-14)

What to do in the Wilderness?

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5. Do what his Word says to do (obey)

“It is the LORD your God you must follow, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him” (Deut. 13:4).

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2. Yield to God
3. Resist the devil
4. Flee from temptation
5. Do what his Word says to do (obey)
6. Forgive from your heart

“And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.”

(Mark 11:25)

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7. Allow God to heal you

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it” (Prov. 4:23).

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7. Allow God to heal you
8. Celebrate your status as a beloved child!

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that we can possess the promise.

What to Do in the Wilderness

Go Slowly

Drink deeply from God

Resist the devil

Never give up

Walk by faith

Know it as a place to uncover hidden treasures

Allow the refinement

And the healing

Lean on others

Exercise gratitude

Watch for the promise

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