***Choose a Wilderness-Like Life***

The wilderness is a place of refining, a road to readiness, and a way to the heart of God. It is not an easy format for transformation. It is a real narrow road to trek, but it is the only way to the highways of God!

It’s time to stop taking shortcuts. We have tried to advance the gospel, gain influence, and achieve objectives by every human scheme imaginable. In many cases, this was well meaning, but human strength cannot meet the demands of what is coming. We still have too much confidence in our own ability despite the fact we lack John’s authority and often experience very little in the way of results.

It’s time to treat the Bible seriously. We usually hold to certain core doctrines in the Bible, but we tend not live as though the Bible is entirely and completely true. We tend to “innovate” and define success in ways that are not biblical. Many of the greatest men in the Bible would not be successful according to our ideas of success.

We need to carefully consider messengers like John and determine we will live with the same confidence in the Word they had. We need fresh confidence in God and His leadership, not just confidence in doctrines. People have embraced the wilderness as a season, but the Lord is looking for a people who embrace it as a lifestyle. So that leaves us with one question:

Will you choose the wilderness?

It’s time to embrace John’s path again.

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