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## ***Do Not Waste Your Wilderness***

Now's the season to hear what the Spirit is saying to the bride of Jesus. Here's an article from an FAI writer, Autumn Crew, aimed to help us to "not waste your wilderness." So many nuggets of gold to receive!

### **A STUDY IN LEARNING PERSEVERANCE! Pt.1**

There's a Christianese term I've often heard used around circles of believers, to refer to times when we feel dry, empty, or uninspired: the "desert season."

Instead of describing all these elements of what it's like not to "feel" God close, not to feel encouraged or motivated or "on fire," we can sum it up by saying we're in a "desert season," and most people assume what that entails.

Before his conception, John the Baptist was prophesied to come and bring joy to many, to be filled with the Spirit and with power, and turn wanderers back to God.

[1] He fulfilled these prophecies and was born miraculously to Elizabeth, who had been barren her whole life and was elderly by the time she had her firstborn.

[2] He was born of faith and promise; Elizabeth—who was called "righteous before God"—took the Lord at His word.

In the same moment the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary to tell her she would carry the Messiah, he also told her that Elizabeth had miraculously conceived John.

[3] So Mary went to visit Elizabeth (who was a relative of hers), and at the sound of Mary's voice, John leapt in his mother's womb.

[4] It was as if John could already recognize the Messiah before he was even born.

John was of priestly descent; Elizabeth was a descendant of Israel's first high priest, Aaron, and his father, Zechariah, served as a priest in Jerusalem's temple during Abia's course.

[5] He was born just months before Jesus, and set apart to be a Nazarite even before his conception.

He had the incredible of honor of paving the way for the ministry of Jesus Himself, who called John the "greatest man born of a woman."

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[6] The calling on this man's life was extraordinary, and there was no one else we know of quite like him.

And where did John the Baptist spend the majority of this extraordinary life? In the desert.

John the Baptist lived in the desert! What is that about? How is that life like? This article will help us appreciate and understand how helpful Autumn's insights will help us conserve our "wilderness."

### **Prayer:**

Father we ask for Your unction to understand our individual journey in the wilderness! Help us to value that experience, make it an inheritance!