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## ***Do Not Waste Your Wilderness (Part 6)***

### **Study on Endurance: NOT TO “WASTE YOUR WILDERNESS” By Autumn Crew/FAI Pt. 6**

Whatever it is, you have the amazing opportunity to meet with Him there, and this mysterious opportunity only exists for a short window of time. Not only will your desert feel short in the scheme of your life, but your life will feel short in the scheme of eternity.

This age is the only time we will experience pain, and the only chance we have to glorify Him through it. Don't you want to seize the opportunity to worship Him and to know Him?

Don't you want to look back and say that even while your heart was broken, your hands were lifted high? That you trusted Him and it was all worth it because He made good on His word? Trust burns bright in the furnace of affliction, and you will come out as gold.

The desert season is not just a time to endure scorching, it's a time to look to the skies and watch manna fall. If you don't see anything, go again in the morning and check the ground. And again, and again, every day until you've found what He wants to give you. It's hard for us to grasp while we're in it, but trial is actually one of the means by which He blesses us. Through trial comes depth, wisdom, perseverance, perspective, maturity, and the best of all— the knowledge of Him.

Through trial come riches even more glorious than prosperity. I've seen it far too many times to deny it, at this point it burns in me: sometimes the gold of refinement by fire is the prosperity. The trial is not just a test, it's a treasure hunt.

Throughout the book of Exodus, as God is delivering the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt, they go through this roller coaster of a journey while they learn to navigate wilderness. Their timeline looks like this: God delivers them, they worship Him, and then they forget what He did.[5]

For many years, the cycle repeats: Deliverance, then worship, then forgetfulness.

All the while, God sees their need and hears their cries. His pattern while He cared for His people was: Thirst, then water. Hunger, then bread. Dry heat, then Water from the Rock.

Their pattern was: Provision, then grumbling. Provision again, grumbling again. Constantly forgetting how He took care of them right after He did it, and complaining about the next need.

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They despised the wilderness so much that they actually claimed they'd rather have stayed in Egypt living as slaves than be there.[6] Moses reminded them, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still." [7]