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Do Not Waste Your Wilderness (Part 3)

Don't Waste Your Wilderness: A Study in Perseverance by Autumn Crew Pt. 3

Sometimes we're in a land of running rivers, and we experience the powerful, resounding voice of the Lord described in Psalm 29 as being "over the waters."

Sometimes He speaks in thundering glory, and we can't deny what we've heard.

But often, He speaks in a gentle whisper that requires discipline to recognize. For many of us, it is in the desert that all the noise and distractions get stripped away, and in our barrenness we cry out to God. He meets us there, with the healing balm of a gentle whisper: "I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." [13]

Being in a desert (whether figuratively or literally) is far from easy or comforting, but it is rich with spiritual treasure. We have many examples in scripture of the intense trial that can occur in deserts, followed by intense outpouring and provision. What do you get when olives, coconuts, seeds, or nuts are hard pressed on every side until what's inside of them flows out?

In other words, what do you get when good things are crushed?

Oil.

The oil that comes from crushing is a special kind of anointing—the fragrant oil of humility that's worthy of being poured out on the feet of Jesus. [14] If we want our lives to be that kind of offering to the King, we have to redefine how we think of the "desert season." It is not a time to surrender to emptiness, to resign ourselves to feeling dry and stale. The desert season is a time to encounter the God who makes rivers come from rock. [15]

If you're in a desert, don't waste this moment. He is waiting to meet you there.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert. [16]

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He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of the wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He kept him as the apple of His eye.”[17]

For the Lord comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.[18]

Prayer:

Father, we know when Jesus went to the wilderness, He went through TESTINGS and trials and won over all the temptations sent to Him.

In this narrative we know that “wilderness” is a treasure time and opportunity that we are allowed to go through.

Thank you for this understanding, we enter our wilderness time with expectation to hear you more, know you more and love you more!

Here are the scriptures to go back to in your study:

[1] Luke 1:13-17, Isaiah 40:3, Matthew 3:3 [2] Luke 1:7 [3] Luke 1:36 [4] Luke 1:39-45 [5] Luke 1:5 [6] Matthew 11:2-15 [7] Numbers 6:2-21 [8] Matthew 3:1-12 [9] Matthew 3:4, Mark 1:6 [10] Luke 1:80 [11] Luke 1:17 [12] 1 Kings 19:9-18 [13] Isaiah 43:19 [14] John 12:1-8 [15] Isaiah 48:21 [16] Isaiah 35:1-6 [17] Deuteronomy 32:10 [18] Isaiah 51:3