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Do Not Waste Your Wilderness (Part 7)

Study on Endurance: NOT TO “WASTE YOUR WILDERNESS” By Autumn Crew/FAI Pt. 7

God did not take His people to Canaan by the most direct route, He intentionally led them into these places of need. Geographically, the path they took doesn't even make sense if not for the Lord. First the crossing of the Red Sea, then the multiple wildernesses of Shur, Sin, Rephidim, and Sinai.

Each of these deserts held different trials for them, when God gave them the opportunity to see His miraculous power at work in front of their eyes, teaching them to trust Him. As with most stories in the Bible, we often read this and chuckle at how forgetful the Israelites were towards the faithfulness of God, not realizing that it's a perfect picture of ourselves.

How easily do we forget how God has been caring for His people for thousands of years?

When our hunger strikes, when we're faced with our lack, how often do we forget all the many ways He's fed us? Most of us are not the Moses of this story, we're the grumbling Israelites.

“This is what the Lord has commanded: ‘Take an omer of manna and keep it for the generations to come, so they can see the bread I gave you to eat in the wilderness when I brought you out of Egypt.’” [8]

I don't know about you, but I definitely always pictured huge slabs of Middle Eastern pita when I read “bread from heaven.” But the passage actually describes what was on the ground as similar to frost; thin, flaky, white, and sweet.[9]

In fact, the Israelites didn't even know what it was when they saw it, and didn't name it “manna” (literally meaning “what is it?”) until later. Interestingly, this substance still grows in some parts of the world today. Take a wild guess as to the only place you can still find this heavenly thing...

Yes. The desert.

The ash trees in Italy still produce manna—but only in the driest, hottest times of the year.

The scorching sun of the Middle East still squeezes out this substance from different plants throughout the region, literally like honey in the wilderness.[10] And we know honey in the wilderness is not only sustenance while you're there, it's prophetic provision for the glory to come after your training season in the desert.

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Could it be that God is still saying the same thing to us now? Remember how I've taken care of you. Remember the sweetness of what grows under pressure. Remember how I provided every time you had a need. Remember how it was I who led you into the wilderness so I could meet you there. Remember how I've delivered you, and let those lessons carry you through the desert into the promised land.