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THE WILDERNESS

God, what are You doing?



The *wilderness* is a season where
you can't see what God is doing.



What if your *wilderness* is
actually one of the places where
God does His greatest work?

Moses

MOSES: ONE OF THE GREATEST LEADERS



**STANDING BEFORE
PHARAOH**

THE TEN PLAGUES

THE RED SEA PARTING

**RECEIVING THE
TEN COMMANDMENTS**

**LEADING OVER TWO
MILLION ISRAELITES**

Exodus 3:1 (NIVUK)

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Acts 7:20-22 (NIVUK)

²⁰ 'At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for by his family. ²¹ When he was placed outside, Pharaoh's daughter took him and brought him up as her own son. ²²

Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.

Acts 7:23-30 (NIVUK)

²³ 'When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his own people, the Israelites. ²⁴ He saw one of them being ill-treated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defence and avenged him by killing the Egyptian. ²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realise that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.

Acts 7:23-30 (NIVUK)

²⁶ The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, “Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?” ²⁷ ‘But the man who was ill-treating the other pushed Moses aside and said, “Who made you ruler and judge over us?”

Acts 7:23-30 (NIVUK)

²⁸ Are you thinking of killing me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?" ²⁹ When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons. ³⁰ 'After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai.

The wilderness was where
God's preparation began.



God doesn't waste our *wilderness*.



What does God teach us in the *wilderness*?



GOD TEACHES US

FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE



Exodus 3:1 (NIVUK)

¹ Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Acts 7:25 (NIVUK)

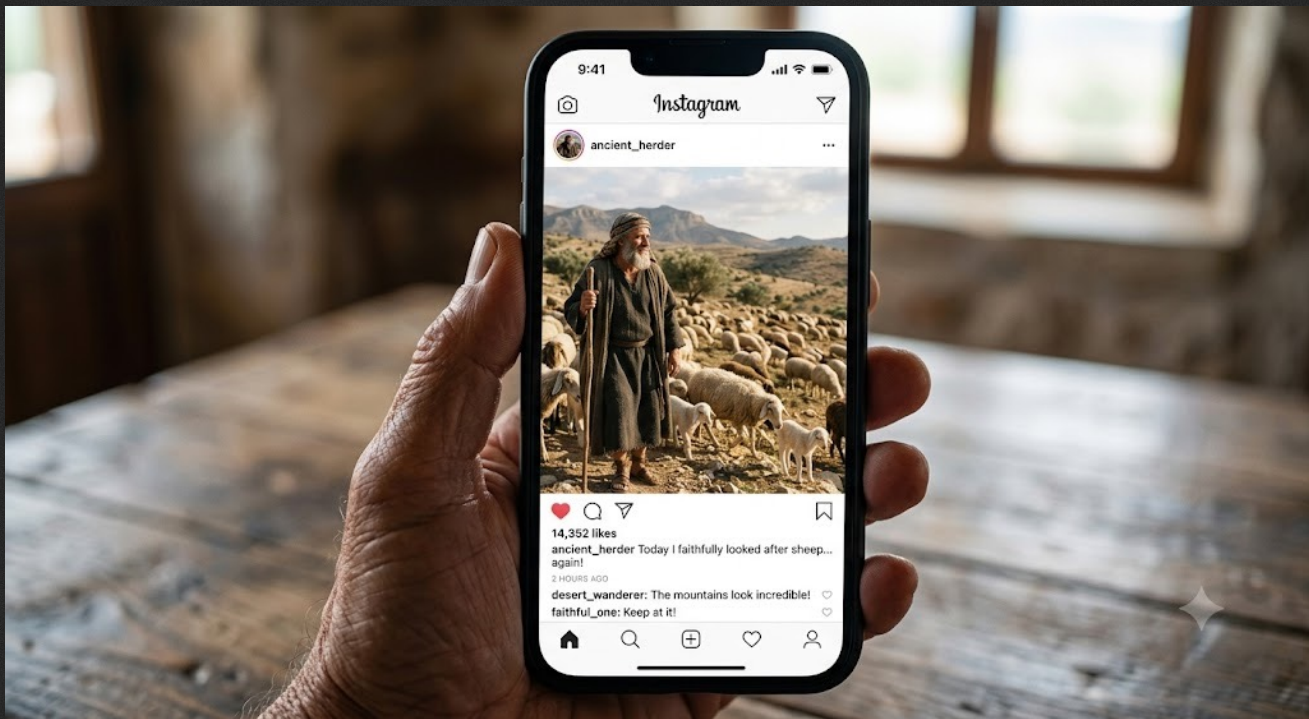
²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realise that **God was using him to rescue them**, but they did not.

The first thing God sees is
Moses' faithfulness.



Luke 16:10 (NIVUK)

¹⁰ 'Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.



What does God teach us in the *wilderness*?



GOD TEACHES US

FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE



GOD TEACHES US
**TO DEPEND ON
HIS PRESENCE**



Exodus 3:2 (NIVUK)

² There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.

Exodus 3:3-4 (NIVUK)

³ So Moses thought, 'I will go over and see this strange sight – why the bush does not burn up.' ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, '**Moses! Moses!**'...

Exodus 3:5 (NIVUK)

⁵ 'Do not come any closer,' God said. 'Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.'

Exodus 3:11 (NIVUK)

¹¹ But Moses said to God, ‘Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?’

Exodus 3:12 (NIVUK)

¹² And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'

Exodus 3:13 (NIVUK)

¹³ Moses said to God, ‘Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to you,” and they ask me, “**What is his name?**” Then what shall I tell them?’

Exodus 3:14 (NIVUK)

¹⁴ God said to Moses, ‘**I am who I am**. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: “I am has sent me to you.”’

The *wilderness* strips away everything
else we depend on until we discover
that **God's presence is enough.**

What does God teach us in the *wilderness*?



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FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE



GOD TEACHES US
**TO DEPEND ON
HIS PRESENCE**



GOD PREPARES US
FOR HIS PURPOSE



Exodus 3:10 (NIVUK)

¹⁰ So now, **go**. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.'

God never prepares us without a purpose.



God, what are You preparing me for?



Romans 8:28 (NIVUK)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Exodus 4:1-2 (NIVUK)

¹ Moses answered, 'What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, "The Lord did not appear to you"?' ² Then the Lord said to him, '**What is that in your hand?**' '**A staff,**' he replied.

“What have I already placed in your hand?”



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“I spent 13 years in the ‘wilderness’ before I found my true purpose”: *Lion Mums* actress Lina Ng on leaving full-time acting and finding her way back

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At the prime of her professional career as an actress, Lina Ng was forced to leave the industry abruptly. Yet it was the next 13 years of being in the "wilderness" that led her to discover her true purpose. All photos courtesy of Lina Ng.



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God really dealt with my
pride during those 13 long years
of being in the 'wilderness'.

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“This is My restoration for you.”



“What makes you feel you need to
be somebody to glorify Me?”



I spent 13 years in the 'wilderness' before I found my true purpose. For every hurdle or trial that I've gone through, I know very well that He was not punishing me. Instead, He wanted to reveal a part of Himself to me.

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God never promised us a smooth
and comfortable life, but He did promise
that He will always walk with us.

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Romans 6:23 (NIVUK)

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:16 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Exodus 3:12 (NIVUK)

¹² And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: **when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'**

Exodus 7:16 (NIVUK)

¹⁶ Then say to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: **let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness.** But until now you have not listened.

Exodus 8:27 (NIVUK)

²⁷ We must take a three-day journey **into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God**, as he commands us.'

The wilderness was a place of worship.

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