

A Wilderness Journey

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“And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what is in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”

(Deuteronomy 8:2)

“A generation of disobedient Israelites had to be separated from those who would be the generation to proclaim that God was the supreme being, Creator of the universe. Dependence on God was absolute, and obedience was the test.

And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit for forty days in the wilderness, tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing in those days; and when they were ended, He was hungry.”

(Luke 4:1–2)

Even with His own Son, God sent Jesus into the wilderness to be tested. A great, almost impossible, journey lay before Him. As a man called Jesus, He had the strength to obey God, to complete the journey His Father was laying on His shoulders.

We all know that God knew what the outcome of this test would be. But how sure was Jesus? How sure are we when we are tested for the future journeys God would have us undertake? Being alone in the wilderness can be frightening.

With Jesus, you are never alone! Let the Holy Spirit guide you to His side.

Prayer:

Father God, stay by my side. There is no wilderness so vast that we cannot journey through together. Amen.