

WILDERNESS : JOURNEY & DISCIPLINE

1Co 10:11 Now all these things happened unto them for **ensamples**: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. (die : analogy, type, pattern,...root: repeated blows)

WWJD : What Would Jesus Do ? In every situation of life.

1> Apply the Christ Template to our Every Day Life ... live that out.... Religion

2> Gives Us Input/Info ..How to Pray, Submit, Yield ..See Difference Between Christ & Me

PROCESS :

THE CALL OF OUR BIRTH (BRING US OUT & BRING US IN) Deut 6:23

WILDERNESS / TEMPTATION / TRIAL / TEST / DISCIPLINE Deut 8:2

to know what was in your heart Who to Know ME !

THE GREAT LESSON IS : TO KNOW WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED BY GOD

Being a Christian after the Spirit is a world of difference from a Christian after the Flesh

The Source (flesh / carnal mind) Negates All :

Gospel Preaching After Flesh (Man's Mind) is Dead & brings forth spiritual death
(1Cor 1:17)

POSSESS (Deut 4:1-6) PROMISE LAND / CONQUER / REST

GOD'S TESTIMONY IN THE EARTH

THE WILDERNESS

The Christian World mentality is that the “wilderness experience phase” is a period of our life we must pass thru to enter the more comfortable – “abundant fruitful phase” experience. That seems again to be the natural mind’s rationale to get through the bad to get to the pleasant. Again the ultimate purpose is to satisfy the flesh, even at the cost of a barren place on our way to prosperity and abundance. I don’t believe this now.

One description of the wilderness of the scripture is a place of barrenness, arid and dry, void, where life doesn’t grow nor thrives. It is a place cut off from life, inhabited by scary creatures. A scary place, a place of chaos, a place of wandering, of restlessness. The habitation of Satan, the Devil, the Dragon.

The nation of Israel were led, directed, driven into the wilderness the same as Jesus was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested and confronted with the powers of darkness and evil, ...the Devil. Matthew reveals it as a place of days of hunger, fasting, and Temptation, with angels ministering afterward. Mark said it was a place of wild beasts, yet a place where angels ministered to Jesus.

THE WILDERNESS SCHOOL ...is a place we are... (Deut 8:2,3,5)

1>LED INTO, Guided into, Taken into, Driven into places & events ...**by the SPIRIT**

2>PROVEN, Tested, Assayed By situations **designed ...by the SPIRIT**

3>HUMBLLED, Self is Abased, Brow-beated By circumstances **designed ...by the SPIRIT**

4>CHASTENED, admonished, taught, instructed, disciplined ...**by the SPIRIT**

THE WILDERNESS FOR God's firstborn Son - ISRAEL, for JESUS, for EACH BELIEVER
....IT WAS & IS FILLED WITH PURPOSE, EXPERIENCES, GUIDANCE, & PREPARATION
for lifetime of JOURNEY & WALK with our God in this earth as his testimony. (*note the pattern
for us : Jesus' ministry began in Wilderness Testing and ended in Testing on the CrossMy
God, My God, why have you forsaken me ???*)

The FUNCTION of the FORTY'S ---- 40 YEARS / 40 DAYS-NIGHTS

Several issues or principles are engaged in the wilderness... Testing, Teaching,
Correcting,....and removing of Un-Belief. One critical aspect of the 40 years was to consume
all of those adults who were of UNBELIEF.

UNBELIEF was a principle purging issue.

*"And the LORD'S anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander in the
wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was
consumed."*

*"For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people that were men
of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the
LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD
swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey."*

*"For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by
Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned,
whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?"*

*"Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of
unbelief." Numbers 32:13; Joshua 5:6; Hebrews 3:16, 17; 4:11, KJV.*

An 11 day Journey became a Life-Time40 years Deut 1:2-3

What looks to the natural man as a short trip becomes a life-time experience.

There are only Two Places of Existence in this Earth Realm :

Paradise:which is God's Realm

Peace / Prosperity / Blessing / No Curse /God Fellowship

Wilderness:which is Satan's Realm

Land of Curse / Desolation / Despairit is that place of Satan's throne, his area of
governing, ..enthronement and power. It is a place where the child of God can not exist in life
or live without the support and life of the Spirit.

God took Israel literally into the Wilderness upon their exit from the bondage of Sin & Egypt.
He took them to a place of desolation, death, and curse.

In the wilderness, they learned that
....when surrounded by Death,...God would bring them Life.
.....that even in Desolation, ...God would be their plenty
.... In an environment of Cursed-ness,God would bring blessing.

God became their literal support and literal source in all areas of their existence. God would be their Life!

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE WILDERNESS ?

How Will we Live there? There's Nothing to Support Life there?? Yet, God would be their Support. He is Life. In Death....they Lived. In Desolation....they had Plenty. In Curse....they were Blessed!

- Not 1 river during all there wanderings
- John the Baptist was raised there
- Israel ate Manna there
- It was a place to pastor flocks
- It was a place where **water is the 1 vital** thing between existing in Life & Death
- It was a place of DISCIPLINE
- It was a place the Spirit leads or drives us into
- Moses went... Jesus went... Led of the Spirit into Wilderness ...Driven into Wilderness

MOSES: Leader of Nation & Israel as a Nation
Moses lived there for 40 years as his previous Egyptian Life was gradually erased on all levels.

JESUS: Leader of Nation & Israel as a Natilon
Jesus was driven or led there by the Spirit for 40 days of testing, trial, temptation

-It is where the Scapegoat is driven with the curse of all Israel's sins away from human life
....into a place of desolation and forsakenness with the burden of all Israel's sins

FORTY-TWO ENCAMPMENTS in the **WILDERNESS**... (NUM 33:1,50-52)...in 40 Yrs

IT ALL APPEARS TO THE NATURAL MAN AS ...WANDERINGS
BUT TO THE SPIRITUAL MAN IT IS WALKING & JOURNEYING WITH GOD

A LIFE-TIME of...JOURNEY...DISCIPLINE...LEADERSHIP...SCHOOLING...EMPOWERING

THE WILDERNESS DISTANCE

DISTANCE : 11 DAY JOURNEY 40 YEAR JOURNEY
TO WEED OUT thru DEATHUN-BELIEF, FLESH & NATURAL MIND ,...etc
JOSH & CALEB (got there Quicker - Another Spirit in Them)

The Wilderness is nota literal physical distance...miles, kilometers, etc..
The Wilderness is nota literal physical time distance...hours, days, months, years...

WILDERNESS IS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN US (natural man) & CHRIST (spiritual man)
...He that has begun a good work in you, shall perform it until the day of Jesus Christ Phip 1:6

Believers ... **AFTER THE FLESH** **VERSUS** Believers ... **AFTER THE SPIRIT**

The Distance between followingafter the Flesh or after the Spirit
The distance between Christ & Us ...is impossible to bridge without the Spirit of the only one who has accomplished it.
The great distance is due to the great difference between us!

All that is in the world ... the lust of the eye, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life 1Jo 2:15-17

HUMAN WILL.... VS ..GOD'S WILL NATURAL MIND ... VS ... SPIRIT MIND
FLESH VS SPIRIT SELF WILL VS CHRIST WILL

THE WILDERNESS A PLACE OF DEATH...

It was death to a generation who murmured & walked in UN-BELIEF. They represented unbelief so they --- the UN-BELIEF ---- had to die out. A place of death for the Un-Belief.

“For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness?” Hebrews 3:16, 17, KJV.

Heb 4:6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of **unbelief**:*

Heb 4:11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of **unbelief**.*

DEATHDEATH FOR WHO ...not Christ ...ME, ...the Natural Un-Believing Carnal, Fleshly Man....Me !

TAKE UP MY CROSS

*Mt 10:38 And **he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me.***

*Mt 16:24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross, and follow me.***

*Mr 10:21 Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, **take up the cross, and follow me.***

*Lu 14:27 And **whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.***

DEATHto SELF, the NATURAL MAN in his WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES

RELIGION tries it thru... Self-Abstinence ...but that fails also...because it too ... IS of THE WORLD COL 2:19-23

*Col 2:19 And **not holding the Head**, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.*

*Col 2:20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye **subject to ordinances**,*

*Col 2:21 (**Touch not; taste not; handle not;***

Col 2:22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men?

Col 2:23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body; not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

PAUL I DIE DAILY... (1 COR 15:31)....

*1Co 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.***

I AM CRUCIFIED ... (GAL 2:20)....

*Ga 2:20 **I am crucified with Christ:** nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

ME, TOO ...

*Lu 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily,** and follow me.*

IT IS ALL DONE BY THE IN-DWELLING SPIRIT....

*Ro 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit** do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.*

Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: