

In the Wilderness

Hope, Strength, and Resilience

“Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today...” -Exodus 14: 13

We’ve all found ourselves in the wilderness these last several months. Covid-19 has taken the familiar and turned it upside down. Life just hasn’t looked like used to, and it may never quite look that way again. The uncertainty, the unfamiliar terrain, has increased stress and worry. Maybe you’ve felt a little more frayed as well as you wrestle with the unanswered questions that fill your life. On top of that, there’s the loneliness of social distancing. “I miss being around people. I miss getting together and talking with my family and friends... in person!” Have you heard those sentiments? Maybe you’ve even said them, too.

In the midst of all this, there is good news. **There is hope, strength, and resilience, and these are gifts that God is offering us right now in this wilderness.**

Beginning September 13, I invite you to our fall series, **In the Wilderness.** We’ll be joining the Israelites, and through their Exodus stories, we’ll discover the hope, strength, and resilience that God offers for times such as this.

This series will meet us where we are. Beyond the **worship messages,** I invite you to participate in an **online small group.** We’ll provide **talk-sheets** for you to participate in an engaging discussion and go a little deeper each week. It’s good to share this journey with others.

So, make your plans to join us in this God-filled journey **In the Wilderness.**

Because of God:

There is **strength** for you.

There is **hope** for you.

There is **resilience** for you.

See you on the journey!

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9/13/20	Exodus 14:10-18	Crossing the Red Sea (do not be afraid)
9/20/20	Exodus 16:2-15	Bread from Heaven (the Lord provides)
9/27/20	Exodus 17:1-7	Water from the Rock (the Lord provides)
10/4/20	Exodus 20	The Ten Commandments (trail-guide)
10/11/20	Exodus 32:1-14	The Golden Calf (false idols, false hope)
10/18/20	Exodus 33:12-23	Moses’ Intercession (to see God)
10/25/20	Deuteronomy 34:1-10	From Moses to Joshua

Small Groups options for adults

Disciples’ Path application ideas (*prayer & scripture, presence, gifts, service, and witness*)

- Children’s travel pack (weekly scripture memory, prayer focus, serving idea)
- Youth travel pack (age appropriate for youth)
- Adult travel pack (age appropriate for adults)
- Dream about ways to engage our congregation during this pandemic