

Don't Waste Your Wilderness

It's Only a Season



Scripture

- **Deuteronomy 8:15-16**

He led you through the great and terrible wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water; He brought water for you out of the rock of flint. In the wilderness He fed you manna which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do good for you in the end. Otherwise, you may say in your heart, ‘My power and the strength of my hand made me this wealth.’”

- **Numbers 9:15-23**

Now on the day that the tabernacle was erected the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony, and in the evening it was like the appearance of fire over the tabernacle, until morning. So it was continuously; the cloud would cover it by day, and the appearance of fire by night. Whenever the cloud was lifted from over the tent, afterward the sons of Israel would then set out; and in the place where the cloud settled down, there the sons of Israel would camp. At the command of the LORD the sons of Israel would set out, and at the command of the LORD they would camp; as long as the cloud settled over the tabernacle, they remained camped. Even when the cloud lingered over the tabernacle for many days, the sons of Israel would keep the LORD’s charge and not set out. If sometimes the cloud remained a few days over the tabernacle, according to the command of the LORD they remained and camped. Then according to the command of the LORD they set out. Whether it was two days or a month or a year that the cloud lingered over the tabernacle, staying above it, the sons of Israel remained camped and did not set out; but when it was lifted, they did set out.

At the command of the LORD they camped, and at the command of the LORD they set out.

Other Scriptures

- Romans 8:28
- James 1:1-4
- 2 Corinthians 1:8-9
- Romans 8:14
- Romans 8:19
- I Corinthians 2:9

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Main Points

- Nothing in your life that you ever go through will be a waste.
- Wilderness seasons in our life are appointed by God.
- Don't waste your wilderness!
- Principles in the Wilderness:
 - Flexibility
- Wait for God to lead you and move you.
- Don't waste your wilderness by taking matters into your own hands.
- Do what the Spirit is leading you to do.
- Learn how to move and stay at the command of the Lord.
- To move through your wilderness, you need to be sensitive to the Spirit of God like the children of Israel were.
- As we walk through our wilderness experiences faithfully, we are building up treasures in heaven.

Discussion Questions

1. In the wilderness, Rabbi encourages us to exercise patience, not taking things into our own hands. What does God want to teach you about this in your life right now?

2. In your spirit, do you sense God moving you in a certain direction? Do not fear to do it. Do you sense a red light about something? Stay where you are. When else have you walked through a season of wilderness and what did you learn?

3. Isn't it wonderful to know that God wastes nothing in our lives? How does it help to know that He is with you, beside you, in you and for you as you walk through life for His glory?