

Benefits of the Wilderness

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Exodus 13, Deuteronomy 8.
- B. It takes five to ten years to learn the Christian life.
- C. It takes another five to ten years to learn how to multiply.

II. It is important to remember.

III. God leads a person into the wilderness to test his heart.

IV. Characteristics of the wilderness.

- A. It is unpredictable.
- B. It is inhospitable.
- C. It is threatening.
- D. There is no end in sight.

V. We need to recalibrate our hearts.

- A. Is your life characterized exclusively by activity or is there also solitude?
- B. Is my life characterized exclusively by acquaintances or by true friends also?
(Philippians 2:25)
- C. Is my life characterized exclusively by human input or is there also divine counsel?

Application questions:

1. What things are important for a Christian to remember along his journey? Explain.

2. Why is it important to understand the “wilderness” of the Christian life?

3. How will you recalibrate your own heart in light of the message? Explain.
