

The Blessing of Being in the Wilderness

Wilderness defined

- I. Oxford Dictionary - An uncultivated, uninhabited, and inhospitable region.
- II. Spiritual Definition - A _____ place or period of time where God takes us so that we can draw closer to him

What does the wilderness look like?

- I. You feel _____ from the world
 - A. Samuel was separated from his _____ (1 Sam 1:27-28)
 - B. He is left in the care of Eli and His _____ sons (I Samuel 2:12)
 - C. The sins of Eli's sons (II Samuel 2:13-17, 22-25)
 - 1. They had _____ for God's offering (II Samuel 2:13-17)
 - 2. They practiced the _____ ritual of fornication near the tabernacle of Shiloh (I Sameul 2:22)
 - 3. They dishonored their father by ignoring his _____ (I Sameul 2:23-25)
- II. God is _____ you to serve Him (I Samuel 2:18, 26; 3:19-21)
 - A. Samuel _____ did the work of the Lord (I Samuel 2:18)
 - B. Samuel continued to grow in his _____ (I Samuel 2:26a)
 - C. Samuel _____ God (I Samuel 2:26b)
 - D. Samuel's _____ grew among the people (I Samuel 2:26c)
- III. God _____ himself and his plan to us (I Samuel 3)
 - A. God tries to _____ to Samuel (1 Samuel 3:2-3)
 - B. Samuel _____ God (1 Sam 3:10)
 - C. God's message to Samuel – I will fulfill my _____ on Eli and his sons (1 Sam 3:11-14)
 - D. Samuel _____ tells Eli what God told him (1 Sam 3:15-18)
 - 1. Samuel taught Eli how to be _____ to God

- 2. Kids do not be afraid to be _____ to God by sharing the truth of His Word even to adults
- 3. You need to be _____ when you do it
- E. Samuel's response to God's call – To _____ and _____ God (I Samuel 3:19-21)

Questions to Ponder

- I. Children, what can you teach your parents and other adults?
 - A. How to _____ the _____ of the Lord with others
 - B. How to _____ and _____ God's Word
 - C. How to have the _____ to share your faith
- II. When have you been in the wilderness?
- III. What did God _____ to you?
- IV. Do you trust Him to _____ for you during your wilderness moments?
- V. How did you respond to His _____? (Did you follow and obey God?)