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THE WILDERNESS *Somewhere Between Egypt and Canaan*



By Jon Partlow

As Israel journeyed through the wilderness of the Sinai Peninsula, they were hit with two sides of reality. On one side, they were no longer slaves in Egypt. They were liberated while humiliating their opponents as they left town. After 400 years in bondage, freedom felt like a cold drink of water on a hot muggy day. On the other side, they were a long way from their destination, the Promised Land. Sure it was only a ten day journey, but God had other plans. Their stop off was a two year layover at Mt. Sinai. And as we know, their two year stop turned into 40 years of character building.

Forty years is a longtime to find yourself in the wilderness. You're not bound to slavery, but you're not home, either. The wilderness is unbearably hot during the daylight hours with little protection from the sun's heat. But then when the sun sets the heat escapes the sand and it gets cold, really cold at night. Water is scarce as oases appear as frequently as a gas station on a highway in the open plains of South Dakota. And then there's the sand itself. It's coarse and rough and irritating and it gets everywhere. Not like Canaan where everything is soft and smooth.

We've often experienced the wilderness. It's that in between time. The teenage years define the wilderness as the youth is not a child but not quite an adult. You've quit your job but you won't start your next employment opportunity for another month. By placing the ring on her finger means you've redefined the relationship for you're no longer in a dating relationship, but you're not married either. Our time on earth holds a wilderness feel to it. We live between Jesus' appearances on earth. We don't live at the time of his Incarnation, while we long for him to return and claim his own.

Wilderness time is a needed respite. It's a time to slow down, recharge the soul's batteries and refocus our priorities. When Israel entered the wilderness, God needed to take a loosely collected family and begin the process of giving them an identity. More importantly, they needed an identity tied to him. So he led them to Mt. Sinai to give them the Law and to establish his covenant with them.

But the wilderness can wear on you. For Israel, they kept looking back at what they left behind instead of focusing on where they were headed. They glossed over the slavery part of Egypt while fixating on the homes they left and the (bad) food they ate. Instead of anticipating the land flowing of milk and honey and living in homes they would not build, they settled for the past. So consumed with returning to Egypt, they staged a coupe before God intervened (Num. 14).

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Prayers For Sunshine Family.

Bill Gammon He is gradually improving, please keep him in your prayers.

Sherry McCray (Shaun & Aaron's Mother) She has been discharged to a nursing facility. She is improving, but very weak. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Janine Morris Please continue praying she regains strength and for her healing.

Judi Allison Elbrooke Room#535

Esther & Gene Crisp Riverbend Room#123

Sarah Gilliland Hillview Room#213

Helen Hayward Homebound

Ruth Morris Best Care Room#10

Prayer Requests

Andy Dettwiller (Friend of Dale Kuhn) He is battling cancer. Please pray for him..

Teresa Evans (Sharon Gampp's Niece) Please continue prayers as she goes through chemo treatment.

Bob Fisher (Cile Partlow's Brother) Please continue prayers for him. He has developed other medical problems that need treatment.

Gene Kuhn (Dale Kuhn's Dad) He's in very serious condition. Please continue to pray for him to regain strength. Please comfort his family as they care for him.

Charles Shumway Please pray his health continues to improve.

Kim Woods (Gary Glispie's Sister) She is being treated for an aggressive breast cancer. Please pray for strength and courage as she goes through chemo. Please bless her family with comfort during her illness.



Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning Live Streaming Links:

<https://sunshinecofc.church/sermon-media>
<https://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>



Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, pick up your gift just for being our guests today.

Thank you for coming. Please come back!

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion bread available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You may simply pick it up before the services on your way into the auditorium.

Elders Meeting Together

Sunday August 23

Prayer Session: August 27



Good Morning Sunshine! WELCOME!

We also invite you to join us for on-line services.

Sunday Morning @ 10 AM

Sunday Eve. Class @ 6:30 PM

Wednesday Eve. Class @ 7:30 PM

If you'd like to follow along during the service, today's lesson comes from:

Sunday AM Acts 8:9-25

Sunday PM Acts 8:26-40

Wednesday Eve Matt. 6:25-33

Sunday Morning Worship Service will continue here at the building, with Sunday Evening & Wednesday Evening lessons presented on line.

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**Don Coriell has decided to step down as Elder of the Sunshine Church of Christ. He has served the congregation from 1987- 2020.**

**We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the many years he has served with wisdom and devotion to the members here. Thank You Don!**

**May God Bless You Always!**

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Praise Report

Logan McLaughlin &

Bryce McLaughlin

They were baptized into Christ last Monday evening. We are so happy for them and their family.

We ask God's blessing on them for the decision they have made to follow Christ.

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**Drive- in Prayer**

Around Minford Schools

August 23, @ 2:00 PM

## The Teacher

Jesus was the world's preeminent teacher (John 3:2). No teacher or personality has ever inspired others the way He did. Jesus only taught for 3 1/2 years, yet his influence transcends all others. Jesus was an unusual teacher. On one occasion, the Pharisees stirred up the chief priests to send officers to arrest Jesus. The officers came back without Him. When asked why, they said, "No man ever spoke like this Man" (John 7:45-46).

When He spoke, people listened, "for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt.7:29).

His teaching is perfectly pure, without any component of error (John 1:17; 8:32;14:15 ).

The magnificent teachings of this humble carpenter from Galilee also lift Jesus into a category by Himself.

Consider His standard of "Love your enemies" or "Pray for those who spitefully use you" or "Give, and it will be given to you"(Matt.5:44;)

This world would be a far better place if everyone followed the teaching of the Nazarene.

## Family Bible Time

### Week 86 Text:

August 16 Lesson 379 1 Timothy 1-2

August 19 Lesson 380 1 Timothy 3-4

### Week 87 Text:

August 23 Lesson 381 1 Timothy 5-6

August 26 Lesson 382 1 Titus 1-3

# Those Who Serve

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|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Sunday Morning</b> | <b>08/16/2020</b> | <b>08/23/2020</b> | <b>08/30/2020</b> |
| Welcome               | Jon Coriell       | Wayne Gampp       | Shaun McCray      |
| Midservice Prayer     |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Closing Prayer        |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Sun. Evening</b>   | <b>08/16/2020</b> | <b>08/23/2020</b> | <b>08/30/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Reading               |                   |                   |                   |
| Communion             |                   |                   |                   |
| Assist                |                   |                   |                   |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Wed. Evening</b>   | <b>08/19/2020</b> | <b>08/26/2020</b> | <b>09/02/2020</b> |
| Song Leader           | Service Online    | Service Online    | Service Online    |
| Prayer                |                   |                   |                   |



**Sunday** Worship - 10:00 am  
Bible Study - 6:30 pm

**Wednesday** Bible Study - 7:30 pm

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Most of 2020 has been spent in the wilderness. It's been difficult, lonely and filled with mixed messages. We've left behind a life we knew and a life of familiarity. Since then we've been staggering, almost feeling like we're lost. We want to go back. We want things to return to normal. I miss dinner with friends. I miss sporting events. I miss hugs. I miss a building filled with people in worship and fellowship.

But life is always about moving forward, not stepping back. Life drives us to the future, not to the past. God always leads us to the Promised Land, not to Egypt. What will that be like when we get through this wilderness to reach the Promised Land? I can't say. Will there be a semblance of the life we've left? Maybe. I hope so. But what I know is that we need to hear and see more faith from those like Joshua and Caleb, who trust God to move us into the future with him, who reminds us to trust him too.

*Soli Deo Gloria!*  
(i.e., only God is glorified!)

Have a wonderful day!