

# LESSONS — from the — WILDERNESS

**SERMON SERIES:** Lessons From the Wilderness

**SERMON TITLE:** Do Not Put the Lord to the Test

**KEY TEXT (NKJV):** Hebrews 3:7-12

**OTHER TEXTS (NKJV, NLT):** 1 Corinthians 10:6-11, Numbers 21:4-7, Matthew 6:31-32, Psalms 3:1-4.

**BIG IDEA:** God, in His love, continually speaks to His people, calling them to trust and obey Him. How we respond to His call always matters. The example of Israel in the wilderness warns us that experiencing God's power is not enough; unbelief, sin, and a hardened heart can take root, causing us to drift from Him and ultimately miss the fullness of His promises and purpose. Therefore, what we do with God's voice today is critical. We need to guard our hearts intentionally, remain anchored in His Word, stay accountable in community, and respond with immediate obedience. We must position ourselves to walk in His rest and fully enter into all that He has prepared for us.

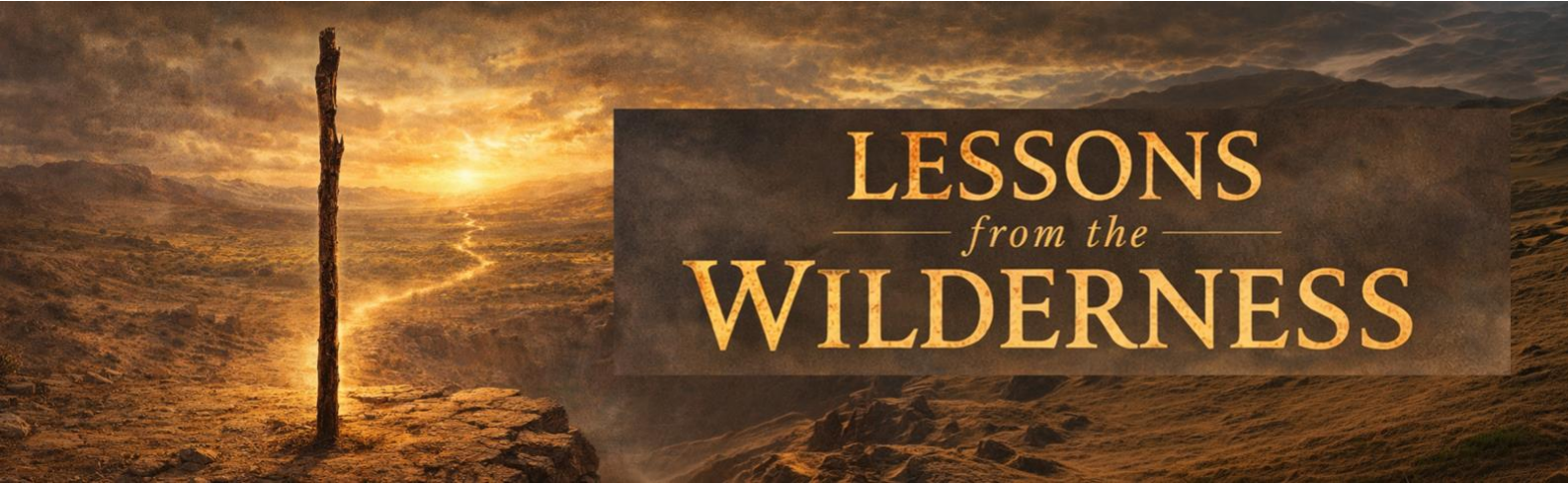
In the third sermon of the series, Pastor Walker teaches us to guard against unbelief and the temptation to test God during difficult times by remaining trustful, thankful, and obedient as we walk with Him on the journey.

## **Hebrews 3:7-19 NKJV**

*Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore, I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.' So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called 'Today,' lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Failure of the Wilderness Wanderers. For who, having heard, rebelled? Indeed, was it not all who came out of Egypt, led by Moses? Now, with whom was He angry forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose corpses fell in the wilderness? And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who did not obey? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.*

God Bless You!

The Connection Groups Office



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**Leader Focus: Check-in. Connect. Care. Pray. Grow.**

## **A. Start Talking:**

Share how you will practically reach out, follow up, and support new people in your group so they feel strengthened in their walk of faith and obedience.

## **Start Thinking**

1. Read **Numbers 21:5-7 NKJV**. When you feel discouraged or impatient, how will you guard your heart from accusing or blaming God? What practical steps can you take to intentionally remember who God is and what He has done for you in that season? **Hebrews 8:13 NKJV**
2. Read **Matthew 6:31-32 NKJV**. What do your words reveal about your trust in God during difficult moments, and how will you choose to speak faith and truth instead of worrying in your daily conversations?
3. Read **Numbers 21:5 NKJV** says...” *and our soul loathes this worthless bread*”. In what areas of your life might you be overlooking or undervaluing God’s provision? What specific action will you take to express gratitude and trust instead of complaining?

## **B. Start Doing**

1. **Guard** your heart against discouragement and unbelief, choosing to trust God and remain responsive to His voice, even when the journey feels long and uncertain.
2. **Align** your words in moments of pressure, choosing to speak faith and truth about God rather than complaints, fear, or negative assumptions.
3. **Reject** every false belief about God’s faithfulness, provision, and goodness, and instead anchor my thoughts in the truth of who He is and what He has done.
4. **Cultivate** a heart of gratitude by acknowledging God’s provision each day, refusing to complain, and choosing to respond with thanksgiving in every situation.

## **C. Start Praying (Pray as a group during the meeting)**

1. **Corporate Church Prayer:** Pray that we will not put the Lord to the test through impatience, but that we will guard our hearts against discouragement, choose our words wisely, and refuse to speak negatively or accuse God; that we will cultivate a heart of gratitude by remembering all He has done, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and not our circumstances.

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