

The Life of Moses:

The Wilderness

Midian

- ✓ Named after the fourth son of Abraham
- ✓ Situated in the Arabian Desert
- ✓ A confederation of desert peoples / nomadic
- ✓ Worshipers of Baal and other idols
- ✓ Fierce enemies of the Israelites
- ✓ The wilderness of Mt. Sinai

“Wilderness” in the Bible

- “God” 3930
- “Jesus” 1276
- “Faith” 422
- “Heal / healing / healed” 311
- “Worship” 197
- “Wilderness / desert ” 346

In The Wilderness

- ✓ Abraham
- ✓ Jacob
- ✓ Joseph
- ✓ Gideon
- ✓ David
- ✓ Jesus
- ✓ Paul
- ✓ Hagar
- ✓ Israelites
- ✓ John the Baptist
- ✓ Elijah

To fulfill your purpose you *must* go into and through a wilderness experience

Dynamics of the Wilderness

- Lack of abundant resources
- Isolation and loneliness
- Uncomfortable and challenging
- Exhausting and sterile
- Time seems to stand still

What is your wilderness?

“Wilderness” = *midbar*; *to speak*

The wilderness is a place where God speaks to you

The wilderness is also a place of transformation and development

In the Wilderness:

- ✓ God is preparing you for what's prepared for you – *kairos* v. *chronos* Numbers 14 / David
- ✓ God is positioning others connected to your promise – Exodus 14
- ✓ God is planting the seeds of His glory – Habakkuk 3:17,18
- ✓ God is providing you with *manna*

In the Wilderness:

- ✓ God is protecting you – Deut. 32:10
- ✓ God is proving you – Deut. 8:1-5