

Countryside Bible Church - Sermon Application

Lessons from the Wilderness – Deuteronomy 8

Main Idea: Deuteronomy 8 supplies believers with several lessons on how God uses seasons of difficulty to mold and shape His people—for their good and His glory.

Context: Wilderness Wanderings

Outline:

- I. Lessons from Seasons of Difficulty
 - a. God is preparing us through seasons of difficulty (1)
 - b. God is sovereign over seasons of difficulty (2a)
 - c. God is working through seasons of difficulty (2b–6)
 - i. He is removing our pride
 - ii. He is revealing our hearts
 - iii. He is cultivating our dependence
 - iv. He is motivating our obedience
- II. Lessons for Seasons of Prosperity
 - a. Praise God in seasons of prosperity (7–10)
 - b. Remember God in seasons of prosperity (11–20)
 - i. Keeps us from arrogance (12–18)
 - ii. Keeps us from idolatry (19–20)
- III. Lessons in the Season of Parenting
 - a. Do not neglect the discipline of your children
 - b. Do not protect your children from everything hard
 - c. Do not lose sight of God’s long-term goals for your kids

Reflection/Application:

- I. Discuss some of the difficult seasons/times that you’ve personally been through. Are you currently facing hard times? Spiritually speaking, how have you typically responded?
- II. What are the benefits of God’s discipline? Why does God discipline His children?
- III. Discuss some of the pride crushing experiences that God has used to humble you?
- IV. How do we safeguard ourselves against pride during times of prosperity?
 - a. Have there been times where you’ve focused on the “prosperity” more than the One giving the prosperity? Explain.
- V. How does Deuteronomy 8 connect to earthly parenting? What are practical lessons from this text that can be applied in your family life today?