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Miriam Elizabeth, Beauty Bears Witness. The wilderness, John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord. They are three signposts on the Advent journey. They are three windows into our heart. So last week we heard about the sun being darkened, the moon no longer giving its light, stars falling from the sky, and the powers of heaven being shaken. It is the end. It is not, as I said, the end of the world or the end of life. They give meaning, identity, and direction. Sometimes, however, our temple stories can no longer support our lives. Instead of growing our lives they stunt our growth. They can take us no further. In some ways we are always living into that new story. Most of us hold our temple stories pretty tightly even when they are no longer helpful and sometimes in spite of the harm they cause us. We cling to our temple stories believing that any story is better than no story. Who will guide us in the work? What does this Advent work look like? Our meeting with John the Baptist is not happenstance. The lectionary, the assigned scripture readings for each Sunday, is not simply luck of the draw. It reflects the reality of our lives. My own experience is that whenever I have accepted an ending of one of my temple stories I ended up in the wilderness. I felt overwhelmed and lost, vulnerable and at risk, afraid and fearful, angry and resentful. The old story had ended and the new story was not yet clear. I was in that in-between space waiting to see what might be. I suspect each one of you could tell about a time in the wilderness. The most significant changes and transitions in our lives lead us to the wilderness. As difficult as the wilderness may be it is the place in which we prepare the way of the Lord. After the Israelites left Egypt they went to the wilderness. It was their preparation for the promised land. After Jesus was baptized he went to the wilderness. It was his preparation for his public ministry. It prepares the way of the Lord. It insures that when he does we will be there, we will be ready, we will have shown up. It is an interior landscape. There is no where to hide in the wilderness. There are no illusions or distractions. The wilderness strips us of all pretense and we are left to face up to ourselves, to examine our hearts, and confess the truth about our lives. We discover that we can no longer live by our own self-sufficiency. It means there is more to life and more to us than what our own self-sufficiency can give. Many of our temple stories have, however, convinced us that we are or should be self-sufficient. The wilderness always proves otherwise. It shows him to be one who has let go of all pretense, preoccupations, and accumulations. The un-self-sufficiency revealed by the wilderness opens our minds to a larger story, opens our heart to a new life, and turns our gaze to the one who is coming. It frees us of pretense, preoccupations, and the accumulations of life that weigh us down. It restores to us the original beauty of our creation and creates space and place for the one who is coming. So let me ask you this. Where has your life become overly self-sufficient? What might un-self-sufficiency look like in your life? What does letting go of pretense, preoccupation, and accumulations mean? Maybe we begin to get at that by looking at the ways we live or try to live self-sufficient lives. I wonder if our self-sufficiency is sometimes disguised as busyness, calendars that have no free space, never ending to do lists, and the exhaustion that permeates so many of our lives. I wonder if our self-sufficiency is revealed in the comparisons and competition that often hide in our relationships and interactions with each other. I wonder if self-sufficiency is at the core of many of the judgments we make about others. I wonder if the unending search for approval, recognition, and accomplishment is driven by a temple story of self-sufficiency. I wonder if some of our fears, worries, anxieties, and anger come when we think our self-sufficiency is being threatened. I wonder if the many expectations we place on ourselves and others about how our life should be begins in an attitude of self-sufficiency. We have responsibility for ourselves and to others. We have resources and abilities. However, to the degree we live overly self-sufficient lives we close ourselves off. We declare the way of the Lord to be a closed road. Maybe the greatest tragedy is that when we live from a place of self-sufficiency we make ourselves the more powerful one and we have no need of each other or of Christ, the one who is coming. Maybe our self-sufficiency is really the only thing that ever keeps Christ from coming to us. What if we were to trust the wilderness of Advent? What if we were to begin to live

from a place of un-self-sufficiency? And what if we were to entrust that un-self-sufficiency to Christ? That just might be the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. We would discover that our lives are sufficient for God. We would know ourselves to be God-sufficient people.

Chapter 2 : News for the Season " Idaho Wilderness Company

A Season for Wilderness has 2 ratings and 1 review. Jean said: This book is an account of the summer season when the author and his wife spent a sum.

Abbey held the position from April to September each year, during which time he maintained trails, greeted visitors, and collected campground fees. He lived in a house trailer provided to him by the Park Service, as well as in a ramada that he built himself. The area around Moab in that period was still a wilderness habitat and largely undeveloped, with only small numbers of park visitors and limited access to most areas of the monument. These notes remained unpublished for almost a decade while Abbey pursued other jobs and attempted with only moderate success to pursue other writing projects, including three novels which proved to be commercial and critical failures. Eventually Abbey revisited the Arches notes and diaries in , and after some editing and revising had them published as a book in Abbey cited as inspiration and referred to other earlier writers of the genre, particularly Mary Hunter Austin , Henry David Thoreau , and Walt Whitman , whose style Abbey echoed in the structure of his work. Abbey went on to admire the nature writing and environmentalist contemporaries of that period, particularly Annie Dillard. In this early period the park is relatively undeveloped: Abbey provides detailed inventories and observations of the life of desert plants, and their unique adaptations to their harsh surroundings, including the cliffrose , juniper , pinyon pine , and sand sage. He comments on the decline of the large desert predators, particularly bobcats , coyotes , mountain lions , and wildcats , and criticizes the roles ranchers and the policies of the Department of Agriculture have had in the elimination of these animals, which in turn has fostered unchecked growth in deer and rabbit populations, thereby damaging the delicate balance of the desert ecosystem. Some of the oddities of water in the desert, such as flash floods and quicksand , are also explored. Abbey contrasts the natural adaptation of the environment to low-water conditions with increasing human demands to create more reliable water sources. Rock and Tree and Cloud describes the intensity of the summer months in the park, and the various ways in which animals and humans have tried to survive and adapt in those conditions. In Rocks, Abbey examines the influence of mining in the region, particularly the search for lead , silver , uranium , and zinc. Abbey contrasts the difficult lives of the many who unsuccessfully sought their fortune in the desert whilst others left millionaires from lucky strikes, and the legacy of government policy and human greed that can be seen in the modern landscape of mines and shafts, roads and towns. Abbey offers the fable of one "Albert T. Husk" who gave up everything and met his demise in the desert, in the elusive search for buried riches. Abbey also comments on some of the particular cultural artifacts of the region, such as the Basque population , the Mormons , and the archaeological remains of the Ancient Puebloan peoples in cliff dwellings , stone petroglyphs , and pictographs. Specifically, his search for a wild horse in the canyons The Moon-Eyed Horse , his camping around the Havasupai tribal lands and his temporary entrapment on a cliff face there Havasu , the discovery of a dead tourist at an isolated area of what is now Canyonlands National Park The Dead Man at Grandview Point , his attempt to navigate the Maza area of the Canyonlands National Park Terra Incognita: Their journey is taken in the final months before its flooding by the Glen Canyon Dam , in which Abbey notes that many of the natural wonders encountered on the journey would be inundated. Industrial Tourism and the National Parks is an essay fiercely criticizing the policies and vision of the National Park Service , particularly the process by which developing the parks for automotive access has dehumanized the experiences of nature, and created a generation of lazy and unadventurous Americans whilst permanently damaging the views and landscapes of the parks. In Bedrock and Paradox, Abbey details his mixed feelings about his return to New York City after his term as a ranger has finished, and his paradoxical desires for both solitude and community. Abbey also describes his difficulty finding the language, faith, and philosophy to adequately capture his understanding of nature and its effect on the soul. He describes how the desert affects society and more specifically the individual on a multifaceted, sensory level. Many of the ideas and themes drawn out in the book are contradictory. Abbey is dogmatically opposed in various sections to modernity that alienates man from their natural environment and spoils the desert landscapes, and yet at various points relies completely on

modern contrivances to explore and live in the desert. He introduces the desert as "the flaming globe, blazing on the pinnacles and minarets and balanced rocks" [18] and describes his initial reaction to his newfound environment and its challenges. For Abbey, the desert is a symbol of strength, and he is "comforted by [the] solidity and resistance" of his natural surroundings. It is this harshness that makes "the desert more alluring, more baffling, more fascinating", increasing the vibrancy of life. This duality ultimately allows him the freedom to prosper, as "love flowers best in openness in freedom. To Abbey, the desert represents both the end to one life and the beginning of another: The finest quality of this stone, these plants and animals, this desert landscape is the indifference manifest to our presence, our absence, our staying or our going. Whether we live or die is a matter of absolutely no concern whatsoever to the desert. Let men in their madness blast every city on earth into black rubble and envelope the entire planet in a cloud of lethal gas - the canyons and hills, the springs and rocks will still be here, the sunlight will filter through, water will form and warmth shall be upon the land and after sufficient time, now matter how long, somewhere, living things will emerge and join and stand once again, this time perhaps to take a different and better course. His message is that civilization and nature each have their own culture, and it is necessary to survival that they remain separate: This is made apparent with quotes such as: Abbey is critical of the industrial pressures on the desert, particularly the inundation of Glen Canyon as a result of the Glen Canyon Dam My God! I am thinking, what incredible shit we put up with most of our lives - the domestic routine same old wife every night, the stupid and useless degrading jobs, the insufferable arrogance of elected officials, the crafty cheating and the slimy advertising of the business men, the tedious wars in which we kill our buddies instead of our real enemies back in the capital, the foul diseased and hideous cities and towns we live in, the constant petty tyranny of automatic washers and automobiles and TV machines and telephone! There may be some among the readers of this book, like the earnest engineer, who believe without question that any and all forms of construction and development are intrinsic goods, in the national parks as well as anywhere else, who virtually identify quantity with quality and therefore assume that the greater the quantity of traffic, the higher the value received. There are some who frankly and boldly advocate the eradication of the last remnants of wilderness and the complete subjugation of nature to the requirements of--not man--but industry. This is a courageous view, admirable in its simplicity and power, and with the weight of all modern history behind it. It is also quite insane. I cannot attempt to deal with it here. A civilization which destroys what little remains of the wild, the spare, the original, is cutting itself off from its origins and betraying the principle of civilization itself. If industrial man continues to multiply its numbers and expand his operations he will succeed in his apparent intention, to seal himself off from the natural and isolate himself within a synthetic prison of his own making. He will make himself an exile from the earth. To meet God or Medusa face to face, even if it means risking everything human in myself. He also concludes that its inherent emptiness and meaninglessness serve as the ideal canvas for human philosophy absent the distractions of human contrivances and natural complexities. As such, Abbey wonders why natural monuments like mountains and oceans are mythologized and extolled much more than are deserts. I am almost prepared to believe that this sweet virginal primitive land would be grateful for my departure and the absence of the tourist, will breath metaphorically a collective sigh of relief - like a whisper of wind - when we are all and finally gone and the place and its creations can return to their ancient procedures unobserved and undisturbed by the busy, anxious, brooding consciousness of man. The word suggests the past and the unknown, the womb of the earth from which we all emerged. Abbey is not unaware, however, of the behaviour of his human kin; instead, he realizes that people have very different ideas about how to experience nature. Some like to live as much in accord with nature as possible, and others want to have both manmade comforts and a marvellous encounter with nature simultaneously: Too much for some, who have given up the struggle on the highways, in exchange for an entirely different kind of vacation- out in the open, on their own feet, following the quiet trail through forests and mountains, bedding down in the evening under the stars, when and where they feel like it, at a time where the Industrial Tourists are still hunting for a place to park their automobiles. Abbey also was concerned with the level of human connection to the tools of civilization. He was in favor of returning to nature and gaining the freedom that was lost with the inventions that take us places in this day and age: A man could be a lover and defender of the wilderness without ever in his lifetime

leaving the boundaries of asphalt, power lines, and right-angled surfaces. We need wilderness whether or not we ever set foot in it. We need a refuge even though we may never need to go there. I may never in my life go to Alaska, for example, but I am grateful that it is there. We need the possibility of escape as surely as we need hope; without it the life of the cities would drive all men into crime or drugs or psychoanalysis. But he wants others to have the same freedom. His only request is that they cut their strings first. When Abbey is lounging in his chair in degree heat at Arches and observes that the mountains are snow-capped and crystal clear, it shows what nature provides: That a median can be found, and that pleasure and comfort can be found between the rocks and hard places: Mountains complement desert as desert complements city, as wilderness complements and complete civilization. He makes the acknowledgement that we came from the wilderness, we have lived by it, and we will return to it. This is an expression of loyalty: It is where we came from, and something we still recognize as our starting point: Standing there, gaping at this monstrous and inhuman spectacle of rock and cloud and sky and space, I feel a ridiculous greed and possessiveness come over me. I want to know it all, possess it all, embrace the entire scene intimately, deeply, totally, as a man desires a beautiful woman. Encyclopedia of the Environment in American literature.

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He began his writing career as a novelist in the s, scoring a modest success with *The Brave Cowboy*. The story of a traditional cowboy confronted and ultimately crushed by the forces of modernity in the new West, *The Brave Cowboy* was made into the critically acclaimed film *Lonely Are the Brave*, starring Kirk Douglas. Abbey worked at a series of part-time jobs while he wrote, becoming a road inspector for the U. Forest Service and a ranger for the U. Even after the success of *Desert Solitaire* made it no longer financially necessary, Abbey would go on taking seasonal work as a ranger. This widely read novel is often called the Bible of the Earth First! Events in History at the Time of the Essay The national park system in the postwar years In the mids, when Edward Abbey first worked as a National Park Service ranger, both the service and the national parks themselves were facing an acute crisis. After the Great Depression of the s and the national emergency of World War II, a postwar economic boom brought many Americans newfound prosperity and the leisure time in which to enjoy it. Encouraged by low gasoline prices and by a vast automotive industry accustomed to high, wartime levels of production, Americans in large numbers first began vacation trips by car after the war. In the first postwar decade, the numbers of visitors to the parks each year more than quadrupled, from less than 12 million in to nearly 50 million in Yet funding to the National Park Service, which had been drastically cut during the war, remained at or near the low wartime levels. In a rhetorical attempt to arouse public indignation at the chaotic situation, DeVoto suggested closing some of the favorite parks because of the lack of funding. A savvy politician who strongly supported tourist development in the parks, Wirth had taken office in and would serve until In Wirth successfully shepherded Mission 66 through Congress. Mission 66 amounted to a massive construction campaign that ultimately cost around one billion dollars. New and renovated physical facilities in the parks included: Approximately 1, miles of new roads within the parks More than 1, miles of renovated roads Nearly 1, miles of new or renovated trails More than 1, new parking areas and renovated parking areas More than new campgrounds, water systems, and sewer systems More than new administrative and utility buildings, and more than new power systems More than 1, new employee housing units More than renovated historic buildings new visitor centers Adapted from Sellars, p. As many had observed, the Colorado River is especially well suited for damming. Flowing from the western flanks of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, the river has cut a 1,mile-long series of deep canyons including the Grand Canyon into the high mesas through which it runs. Many of the narrow canyons can be easily dammed, so that their walls form the sides of a man-made lake. Furthermore, because it begins at nearly 10, feet above sea level, the Colorado unleashes immense amounts of energy as it flows downhill to the Gulf of California. Its sharp losses in elevation make the Colorado especially attractive to those wishing In build hydroelectric dams. While some 20 dams now interrupt its flow, most famous is Hoover Dam, completed in b, which forms Lake Mead on the Colorado below the Grand Canyon. They were bolstered by a new Interstate Highway System, which entailed the simultaneous construction of nearly 40, miles of interstate highways throughout the nation. By annual park visits had climbed to over million; by they would exceed million. Wirth and other Park Service officials believed that by encouraging more people to visit the parks, they were helping to protect park wilderness lands from the political pressures of commercial development. Powerful logging, mining, hydroelectric, and other interests were continually lobbying for the right to develop national park lands and other government owned lands for their own profit. Only strong public involvement with the parks would give the Park Service the political clout to resist such efforts, the thinking went. The rise of the environmental movement While the tradition of wilderness preservation has roots as far back as the influential American author Henry David Thoreau; see Waiden, also in *Literature and Its Times*, the modern environmental movement first arose in response to the commercial expansion and population pressures of the postwar era. At the urging of real-estate developers, utility companies, and others, in the late s and early s, the U. Bureau of Reclamation proposed a number of canyons along the Colorado River as dam sites. The major ones lay within

land administered by the National Park Service, which, under Conrad Wirth, deferred to the powerful Bureau of Reclamation. But in the ensuing years these parks would be at the center of a series of highly publicized controversies. The environmental movement can be said to have begun in the early s with the first of these struggles. At that time several conservation organizations took the then revolutionary step of rallying public opposition to a large hydroelectric dam planned at Echo Park, a part of Dinosaur National Monument on the Green River, which is a major tributary of the Colorado. Encouraged by the Sierra Club , the Wilderness Society, and other groups, thousands of Americans wrote letters to Congress expressing their opposition to the proposed Echo Park dam. Drawing on lessons learned in the campaign against the proposed dam at Echo Park, the Sierra Club became a highly effective political action group. In the s the organization was instrumental in influencing the National Park Service to give more weight to ecology, biology, and wilderness preservation in its stewardship of the land, and less to accessibility and recreation. This shift in emphasis would reshape Park Service practices starting in the s. However, for many activists victory at Echo Park came at a high price, because as part of their bargain with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Sierra Club and other organizations agreed not to oppose another dam planned farther south on the Colorado, at Glen Canyon. Construction on the Glen Canyon Dam began in , and the dam began operation in . Because Glen Canyon was a place of rare beauty, its flooding generated the most enduring controversy of all the Colorado River dam projects, with recriminations lasting long after the waters had risen. Also hotly contested, the attempts to dam parts of the Grand Canyon would meet with defeat in . Utah was settled in the nineteenth century by pioneers belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, commonly called the Mormons. Mormons in Utah are still noted for the spirit of communal, cooperative living that helped those early settlements prosper. By the s and s, however, small ranchers throughout the West were being pushed out of business by modern corporate operations, which raise livestock on a large scale and can thus undersell the small rancher. While decrying the harmful environmental impact of cattle and sheep, Abbey expresses sadness at the passing of the small, independent ranchers. By the late s, similar competition with large corporations drove off the independent uranium prospectors who had flocked to Utah and other Western states a decade earlier, as nuclear energy came into use. As he observes, the Navajos have fared better than many other native peoples, partly because they control a vast reservation containing rich natural resources. An aspect of history that Abbey does not mention is the way the Park Service took unilateral possession of native lands in the West during the early to mid-twentieth century. Yet the Navajos managed to retain control of their communal lands, which occupy parts of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico , and Arizona, and are virtually surrounded by national parks. One measure Navajos took in response to the Park Service threat was to create a number of protected tribal parks within their reservation, such as Monument Valley Tribal Park in Arizona, established in . Warning readers, he concedes that: Serious critics, serious librarians, serious associate professors of English will if they read this work dislike it intensely; at least I hope so. Leaving a Park Service pickup with Abbey, the two men depart that evening, and beside a fire of fragrant juniper wood Abbey exults in his solitude. In the next two chapters Abbey describes some of the plants and animals with which he shares the desert. They include snakes, deer, lizards, birds, wildflowers, sage, and juniper and pinyon pine trees. Impulsively he throws a rock at a rabbit, killing it. Industrial Tourism and the National Parks. As I type these wordsâ€¦ Arches National Monument has been developed. The Master Plan has been fulfilled. Where once a few adventurous people came on weekends to camp for a night or two and enjoy a taste of the primitive and remote, you will now find serpentine streams of baroque automobiles pouring in and out, all through the spring and summer, in numbers that would have seemed fantastic when I worked there: The little campgroundsâ€¦ have now been consolidated into one master campground that looks, during the busy season, like a suburban village: Industrial Tourism has arrived. He lists other parks in which similar development has taken place, including the newly established Canyonlands National Park and Grand Canyon National Park. This expectation has been created and encouraged by those politically powerful interests that stand to make money from it: Abbey calls for banning cars from the national parks. Over the next three chapters Abbey shifts his focus temporarily from parks to people. In it, Abbey moves from a lyrical description of water including flash floods and its role in the desert to protest schemes to develop the West by hatching plans to fix a supposed water shortage. Abbey challenges the modern ideal of

growth: Abbey argues that wilderness preservation is essential to liberty. Where he and his brave men once lined the rapids and glided through the silent canyons two thousand feet deep the motorboats now smoke and whine, scumming the water with cigarette butts, beer cans and oil, dragging the water skiers on their endless rounds. To grasp the nature of the crime that was committed imagine the Taj Mahal or Chartres Cathedral buried in mud until only the spires remained visible. He reflects on his attraction to the desert: I am a desert rat *Desert Solitaire*, p. Yet he is not entirely unwilling. He takes a final tour of the park in his pickup, then cleans out the house trailer and accepts a lift from another ranger to Thompson, Utah, where he will catch a train east.

Changing attitudes to land use In proposing a ban on cars in the national parks, Abbey offers an example of how such a ban might be handled even at popular destinations such as Yosemite and the Grand Canyon. When Abbey wrote *Desert Solitaire*, this idea was ignored. More than three decades later, however, the Park Service is implementing essentially similar plans at both parks. Many tourists still cling to their cars, but since the publication of *Desert Solitaire* hiking, camping, mountain biking, river rafting, kayaking, and other outdoor activities have indeed exploded in popularity. Today, hiking and other wilderness activities have become so popular that in most national park wilderness areas rangers have been forced to issue limited numbers of permits, with enthusiasts often waiting in line overnight in order to obtain one. During the public debate over Glen Canyon, one argument used by those supporting the dam was that while few would enjoy the river by rafting, many would benefit from motorboating on the resulting lake. Even as similar debates were going on over damming parts of the Grand Canyon, however, greater numbers of people began discovering the pleasures of rafting through the canyon, and today about 26, people make this trip every year. Indeed, river-running rafting itself has become a nationally popular sport. Ironically, rafting in the Grand Canyon was adversely affected by Glen Canyon Dam upriver, because the dam caused the Colorado to recede during peak power usage. Such changes reflect not just decades of traffic jams in national parks, but also a greatly increased concern for and appreciation of the environment on the part of the American public. Historians have pointed to the first Earth Day , April 22, , as marking a turning point in raising public awareness, and they credit it with bringing the words environment and environmen-talism into their current widespread use. Indeed, an early title for the book was *Desert Journal*. The journals also reflect incipient versions of some central ideas Abbey elaborated in the final book. As a boy growing up in Pennsylvania, Abbey devoured the cowboy books of Western writers such as Zane Grey , an early visitor to Glen Canyon and other sites mentioned in *Desert Solitaire*. He was later profoundly influenced by the writings of Henry David Thoreau , whose seminal book *Walden* originated American nature writing. Like Thoreau in *Walden*, Abbey compresses more than one season of wilderness living into a single, composite season for literary purposes. Abbey frequently either refers to Thoreau or quotes him directly in *Desert Solitaire*. Eliot, Abbey refers to previous authors and books celebrating desert environments, including C. Krutch was an eminent author and naturalist whom Abbey met around the time *Desert Solitaire* was published. While both shared a love of nature, Krutch belonged to an older, more conservative generation. Abbey, while not exactly a hippie, shared the irreverent and anarchistic outlook of the emerging s counterculture movement. He and Krutch disagreed over the Vietnam War , which Abbey strongly opposed.

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The wilderness, John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord. They are three major images in today's gospel, Mark They are three signposts on the Advent journey.

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. In the introduction by Richard Foster, he wrote: I believe it was an acknowledgment that the call of God will require me to be alone like the Tishbite. It is my firm conviction that what is termed the wilderness experience is that time in our walk with God when the road becomes narrow, wide enough for only you and God. All others fall away, howbeit temporarily, so God can have his fullest and most personal time with you. My First Wilderness After leaving the shores of Ghana and being separated from my parents and siblings, I felt a degree of loneliness and separation. It was a trying time adjusting to a new culture, weather, and people. Every fifteen-year-old leaving his parents to go to a foreign land across great bodies of water will feel the same way I did. It was difficult nonetheless, but that season does not compare to a wilderness experience that lasted an entire year, beginning in June Up until that time, I had never taken a day off from school. I had received my admission letter from the Ohio State University and was extremely excited. When I found out I could not go because of financial reasons, I was very disappointed. It was no fault of mine, but I had to live with that reality. This shocking truth ignited a season of breaking and rebuilding in my life. First, I had to overcome the victim mentality that everyone was out to get me or at least to slow me down. All my peers would be a year ahead of me, and I felt left behind. This time, the road was wide enough for only my Heavenly Father and me. I had to walk through this without human assistance. The wilderness experience strips you of competition and comparison to others as your indication of your success. I began to look at myself more as an individual with God, rather than as part of this clan of people. Without people, who are you? You will answer this question in the wilderness. A few months into the summer, I was working two jobs as a cashier in a grocery store and as a sales associate at an office supplies store. It was a hectic schedule for a seventeen year-old boy who really wanted to go to college. There were times that I arrived at one store at 6: Instead of studying economics from books, I did so by mopping floors, bagging groceries, and selling office furniture. In this wilderness, God made me realize that I was not abandoned. He was my ever-present help in my time of need. Adversity does not mean abandonment! It was at these jobs that I learned work discipline, customer service, and business protocol. These same bosses who provoked character growth in me also gave me the greatest compliments. These compliments were to me like drops of water in that dry season of my life. I saw glimmers of hope, and I felt I was somebody. My time would come! You are blessed of God and certainly not forgotten! I saved some money, bought groceries for the home, bought school supplies I knew where I was going , and some clothes. The most important financial lesson I learned during this wilderness was paying my first tithe. It was the greatest feeling to actually be able to practice what I believed and preached. I have not stopped tithing since. Giving a tenth of my income plus my offering is an expression of my confidence in God and because God commands it. The dictionary description of a wilderness is a wild place untouched by human development. There is wildness about the place that causes us to reconsider ways of doing things and focusing on the priorities. In the wilderness, you feel alone, out of place, abandoned, disoriented, and inadequate and not in control. Welcome to the transformation chamber! Here, all wild urges and out-of-control personalities are brought under the authority of Jesus Christ. His brothers and sisters, the Jews, were against Him. The religious authorities were plotting to kill him. His disciples were sleeping when He needed them to pray. The Roman soldiers were about to crucify Him and plunge a spear through His side. The only way to endure and reap the full benefits of the wilderness is to embrace it and enjoy the aloneness with God. Consider it your personal encounter with Godâ€”a time for equipping you for the task at hand. His wilderness in the garden of Gethsemane prepared Him for the cross. His wilderness on the cross prepared Him for eternal glory. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to deathâ€”even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue

confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father Philippians 2: Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all 2 Corinthians 4: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart Hebrews The wilderness experience is very much God-initiated. You will normally be well into a wilderness experience before you consciously know that you are. If you knew you were about to enter the wilderness, you will most likely want to delay it by a few days, weeks, months, or years. So how do you know when you are in the wilderness of God? These are three signs of a God-initiated wilderness experience. The people who used to understand you no longer do. At the end of the wilderness, you will have a renewed vision and a new group of people eagles to help you accomplish it. He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm Proverbs A change of appetite comes with the wilderness package. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled Matthew 5: Your weaknesses and character flaws become glaringly obvious to you. A higher level of character is required for the new level of anointing. God will expose you to yourself so you can humble yourself to Him and be repaired. Blessed is the man whom God corrects; so do not despise the discipline of the Almighty Job 5: The wilderness experience is continual because we are work in progress. It is not only spiritual; it is physical, emotional, social, and in every area of your life. To walk with God, we will constantly need a person makeover. Expect it, embrace it, and enjoy it. You are not alone! From Canaan to Egypt Joseph enjoyed the maximum attention he needed and wanted from his father, Jacob. He was his favorite son, and he wore the one and only special, custom-made coat of many colors. He was loved, and he was a dreamer who willingly shared his dreams. His dreams had pushed them to the brink of hatred. The people who once understood Joseph no longer did. To them, his words, actions, and dreams were extreme and weird. That is how it is with your wilderness. Please note that this will frustrate and irritate them, but you must continue to obey God. The activities that used to be fun and pleasurable fade away. Joseph had a pretty comfortable lifestyle. The most he did was to send food to his brothers when they worked in the fields. I would imagine that he did not allow his designer coat to be soiled by the daily activities of farm life. When he was thrown into a pit and sold into slavery, he lost his coat and woke up to a whole new world of living. His life got replaced with floor scrubbing, market shopping, toilet cleaning, and sheep shearing. What used to be fun and pleasure faded away. We would notice the maturity of Joseph in Egypt. The attention on him shifted to focus on God. That was only possible because his hunger shifted from life pleasures and himself to knowing God and helping others. I am not aware of any specific weaknesses Joseph had, but we know he did because he was human. The strength of character is evidenced by the favor of God and the favor of man upon him. Whatever Joseph did prospered Genesis Potiphar, his master, made him plenipotentiary over his entire estate.

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I know that for many this has been a season of wilderness, where nothing has come easy and vision has felt obstructed. Yet this has also been a time of shaking you free of what hinders in the natural and an awakening of your spiritual senses! You will not be as easily moved or shaken in the future. For the personal shaking that you endure has value! it has made you stronger and you have learned how to depend and trust in Christ. Unseen Realities of Every Season: Things that restore hope, encourage faith and demonstrate love! They are unseen and often difficult to endure, but they are needed to uncover and develop Christ-like character. The Lord Your God has set you in the midst of a company of ministering servants that require spiritual sensitivity and character! He will give you wisdom and the accompaniment of His Presence to help you along the journey; but He expects your obedience. His voice has a distinct sound that you must seek out to find. The Holy Spirit will speak to you from deep within! so keep your heart pure with all diligence. Keep your eyes on the Living God. He is well aware of the unseen realities of this season. Your hope can remain alive in His purpose when you see Him with spiritual eyes. You are not alone in the unseen realities of this season. God is lifting the veil to the unseen! Sufficient to keep you in the midst of the battle. My arm is not short, nor is My hand weakened in your difficulty. Clarity comes with the knowledge of His truth: God will shake every House that bears His Name and yet does not know His ways! God has been watching as many of His most respected and anointed leaders have been under pressure and felt buffeted from all sides. This has taken place in order to call the Church to once again recognize that the government shall rest upon the shoulders of Christ Isa. It must and it will arise with a fresh sound, if we seek it out. It will fall as refreshing rain upon all who have become weary in these days.

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