

JUNE 30

“THE LORD WALKED THE WILDERNESS BEFORE YOU.”

READ

Luke 4:1-14

When we're in the wilderness, we ask ourselves, "When will we ever get out?" As long as you're here, walking this earth, you will spend time in the wilderness. The amazing thing about it is, our Lord walked through it before you. What happens in the wilderness? The work of the Holy Spirit happens there. Preparation happens there. Jesus was filled with the Spirit and led by the Spirit there. When you're filled with the Spirit, you're qualified to go into the wilderness. In the wilderness, you will be tempted, you'll face discouragement, and you may feel like a failure. Jesus picks you up. He carries you and He is your faith. In the lowest moments of your life, you know He's your Savior. Whatever you go through will be used to bless someone else. Jesus left the wilderness in the power of the Spirit and ministered in Galilee. The wilderness makes you stronger and more effective. After the wilderness you can minister to others in their place of discouragement in the power of the Spirit.

PRAY

Even in the wilderness You will bless me and sustain me. I will lack for nothing. In my wandering, I will walk by faith. I will seek Your face and I will boldly declare, "It is written."

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