



# DAY 3 – God Uses the Wilderness to Teach Dependence

## Preview

God led Israel into the wilderness to teach dependence. Explore how God uses uncertainty and limitation to expose what we truly rely on—and to deepen trust in His provision.

## Scripture

Deuteronomy 8:2–3

## Devotional

God did not lead Israel into the wilderness by mistake. Scripture clearly says He led them there to humble them and to test what was in their hearts.

The wilderness revealed what comfort had been hiding.

God allowed hunger so they would learn that life does not come from resources alone, but from obedience to God.

In survival training, leaders must learn the limits of equipment, terrain, weather, and their own bodies. In spiritual leadership, the wilderness teaches us the limits of self-reliance.

God gently removes what we trust in so that trust in Him can grow.

## Prayer

Lord, reveal where I have placed confidence in my own strength instead of in You.

## Reflection

What has God removed from my life that may be teaching me deeper dependence?

