

## MEADOWBROOK BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship This Sunday

January 16, 2022 ~ 9:00 AM

In our Sanctuary

(Masks & Social Distancing are optional)

or

Outside Parking Area

Services on YouTube

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### Wilderness Blessings

(Deuteronomy 8:2)

**“Do not forget how the Lord your God led you all the way during these forty years in the wilderness. It was to humble and test you to know what was in your hearts.”**

God doesn't need to know what is in us, but we do. And when we are tested in storms like America is going through right now, we learn how weak and wicked we really are. This is intended to humble us.

There's a story about Teddy Roosevelt, when he got to heaven. He didn't like anything and wanted to change everything - especially the choir. St. Peter said, "All right, Teddy, I'm putting you in charge of heaven's choir." Roosevelt snarled, "Good! Bring me ten thousand tenors, ten thousand sopranos and ten thousand altos." "What about basses?" said St. Peter. Roosevelt snapped back, "I'll sing bass!"

We all have more pride than we are willing to admit; because pride slips up on us wearing a halo. There is a famous singing group that spends a lot of time telling us how they don't sing to display their voices and don't write songs to glorify their abilities. And the whole time they are doing it, people are thinking about how well they write and how beautiful their voices are. If you want to glorify God, all you have to do is sing "How Great Thou Art." If you want to glorify the Spirit, all you have to do is sing, "Come, Holy Spirit." If you want to glorify Jesus, all you have to do is sing, "There's Room at the Cross for You." We need the pride knocked out of us. Maybe that is why we are having it so hard right now.

## Walking With God

Week 3

### GOD IS REAL

**Psalm 19** It seems silly to talk about "walking" with God. Isn't He in us and around us like the air we breathe? The Bible says, "In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). The existence of a personal Creator, to 99.9 percent of the people who have lived on this planet, is an indisputable fact. Saying He does not exist is like a fish swimming in the Atlantic Ocean telling another fish, "They tell me there is an Atlantic Ocean, but they can't prove it. I'll believe it when I see it." Psalm 14 says, "The fool has said in his heart - there is no God." "Walking with God means He walks with us as a friend and a helper.

The most important questions we will ever have to face are, "What is my relationship to Him? What will He say to me after I die and stand before Him?" Few of us know if our spare tire has air right now. But if we break down in a dark area surrounded by dangers and out of cell phone range; that is the first thing that pops into our minds. We treat God much the same way.

As a teenager, David was in a dangerous place. He was taking on the giant warrior of the Philistines, who was so powerful and vicious that not one soldier from Israel would face him. When King Saul tried to talk him out of it, David said of his years as a shepherd:

**“When a lion or bear took a lamb, I went after it and I killed some of them. The Lord has saved me from lions and bears and He will save me from this Philistine” (1 Samuel 17).**

(David faced every challenge in his life, trusting in the God who walked beside him daily.)

In the 1960's the Russian Astronaut Gregarian, was the first man to go into space (about one mile from the earth). When he returned, he laughed and said, "I looked and looked; but I did not see God". W.A. Criswell, that