

GOD *With* US

MESSAGE NOTES

...IN THE WILDERNESS
God with Us #2
Sunday, December 13 | Tommy Duke
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“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God with us.’” – Matthew 1:23

• **TIME IN THE WILDERNESS IS MARKED BY:**

- _____.
- **HARDSHIP.**
- _____.
- _____.

“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.”
– John 1:14 (The Message)

TO EXPERIENCE “GOD WITH US” IN THE WILDERNESS, I MUST...

1. ACCEPT MY DEEPEST _____ AS A GIFT THAT DRIVES ME TO _____.

“And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, ‘It is enough! Now, Lord, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!’” – 1 Kings 19:3-4

2. LOOK FOR GOD’S _____ WHEN I’M _____.

“Then as he lay and slept under a broom tree, suddenly an angel touched him, and said to him, ‘Arise and eat.’ Then he looked, and there by his head was a cake baked on coals, and a jar of water. So he ate and drank, and lay down again.” – 1 Kings 19:5-6

*“He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name’s sake.” – Psalm 23:2-3*

3. REMEMBER THAT I _____ A GOD OF _____.

“And the angel of the Lord came back the second time, and touched him, and said, ‘Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you.’ So he arose, and ate and drank; and he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights as far as Horeb, the mountain of God.” – 1 Kings 19:7-8

Memory Verse:

“Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy.” – Micah 7:18

4. DEPEND ON GOD TO HELP ME _____.

“And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and He said to him, ‘What are you doing here, Elijah?’ So he said, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.” – 1 Kings 19:9-10

“...casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ...” – 2 Corinthians 10:5

5. _____ CLOSELY FOR GOD’S _____.

“Then He said, ‘Go out, and stand on the mountain before the Lord.’ And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.” – 1 Kings 19:11-12

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Micah 7:18.
- Ask for and accept God’s spiritual refreshment this week.
- Take my thoughts captive to align them with God’s truth.
- Make time this Christmas season to turn down the noise and listen for the whispering voice of God.

NEXT WEEK:

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