Series: Major Bible Events

<u>Title</u>: Lessons from Wilderness Wandering

<u>Text</u>: (Exodus 15:22)

Introduction: (1 Cor 10:11)

3 Places Israel Spent allot of time.

Egypt: (Exodus 1-14) **Wilderness:** (Exodus 15-40)

Canaan: The Promised Land: (Joshua, Judges, 1-2 Kings)

I. The Legitimate Wilderness Experience:

Necessary: Super Harsh Conditions.

- 1. They would develop their trust in God.
- 2. They would develop their Spiritual Strength.
- 3. Crash course in a Victorious Christian Walk: (Ex 13:17-18)

The Learning Experiences of the Wilderness:

Marah: (Ex 15:22-26) Elim: (Ex 15:27) Manna: (Ex 16:1-36)

Water from the Smitten Rock: (Ex 17:1-7)

War with Amelek: (Ex 17:8-16)

<u>Legitimate</u>: Not every Desert experience is because of Sin.

Planned by God:

II. The Kadesh-Barnea Crisis: (Num 10:11-12a)

- A. Severe Complaining only after 3 days: (Ex 11:1-3)
- B. The Appointment of 70 elders to assist Moses: (Num 11:4-30)
- C. Provision of Quail: (Num 11:31-34)
- D. The Rebellion of Aaron & Miriam: (Num 12:1-9, 12) Thou shalt not touch God's Anointed.
- E. They had a crisis of Faith: (Numbers 13-14)

The Spies: (Num 13:1-24)

The Report: (Num 13:25-33)

<u>The Majority Report</u>: (Num 13:27-29) (Num 13:31-33)

<u>Impeached God's Word</u>: Stripped God of his Authority. Impugned God's Power: Stripped God of His Deity.

Invalidated God's Goodness: Stripped God of His Character

(Num 14:2-3)

The Minority Report: (Num 13:30)

The Decision: (Num 14:1-4) We Will Not go!

III. The Illegitimate Wilderness Experience: (Num 14:26-33)

- **A.** The Sin of Faithlessness: (Num 14:11)
- **B.** The Scourge of Fruitlessness:

Everyone above 20yrs old died: (Num 14:29)

The History of this time is blank.

146 Graves a day, 6 days/wk, 38 years. (Heb 10:28)

- C. The Survival of the Faithful: (Num 14:24)(Josh 14:6-15)
- **D.** The Stress of the Force Leader: (1 Pet 5:1-3) (Heb 13:17)

IV. Lessons from the Wilderness Wanderings:

We all have Wilderness experiences in our Christian Lives.

(Jn 16:33b)(1 Pet 4:12-13)

We decide if we are going to Learn from them.

(James 1:2-4)(1 Pet 1:6-7)

(Deut 8:3-4) God met their needs the entire time.

We Learn how Faithful God can be: (1 Cor 10:13)(I Jn 1:9)

We Learn to have Spiritual Strength: (2 Cor 12:9)

We Learn that God Don't Play:

Complaining is a lack of Faith: (Heb 3:7-12, 19)

Thou shalt not touch God's Anointed:

Miriam-Leperocy: (Num 12:1-5)

Korah, Dathan, Abiram: (Num 16:1-4, 5, 24-33) Ground swallowed

There is No Record of our Sin:(1 Cor 3:12-15)