**Series: Timeout: Experiencing God in Life’s Disruptions**

**Today: A Teacher Named Wilderness**

**Exodus 2**

*11 One day, after Moses had grown up, he went out to where his own people were and watched them at their hard labor. He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people. 12 Looking this way and that and seeing no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.*

*15 When Pharaoh heard of this, he tried to kill Moses, but Moses fled from Pharaoh and went to live in Midian, where he sat down by a well.*

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*16 Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water and fill the troughs to water their father’s flock. 17 Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.*

*18 When the girls returned to Reuel their father, he asked them, “Why have you returned so early today?”*

*19 They answered, “An Egyptian rescued us from the shepherds. He even drew water for us and watered the flock.”*

*20 “And where is he?” Reuel asked his daughters. “Why did you leave him? Invite him to have something to eat.”*

*21 Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage. 22 Zipporah gave birth to a son, and Moses named him Gershom, saying, “I have become a foreigner in a foreign land.”*

**The Wilderness Is A Place Of Failure Or Reversal Or Pain Or Embarrassment.**

**The Wilderness Is One of God’s Teaching Tools for Us.**

**God Uses The Wilderness To Humble Our Opinion Of Ourselves**

**Romans 12:3 -** *Do not think more highly of yourself than you ought.*

**Deuteronomy 8:2**

*Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.*

***2 Corinthians 12:7***

*To keep me from becoming conceited, God game me a thorn in the flesh.*

**God Uses The Wilderness To Teach Us To Depend On God Instead Of Ourselves.**

***2 Corinthians 1:8-9***

*We want you to know about the hardships suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great affliction, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we even felt the prospect of death within ourselves. This happened to us so that we might learn - - not to rely on ourselves - - but on God who raises the dead!*

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**God Uses The Wilderness To Produce Genuine Compassion For Other People.**

**2 Corinthians 1:4**

*God comforts us in all our troubles, so that we may learn how to comfort others in their troubles.*

**In Faith, You Can Look Ahead And Know That God Will Not Waste Your Experiences.**

**In Gratitude, You Can Look Back And Appreciate How God Has Used Those Experiences To Make You Who You Are Today.**

***1 Peter 4:19***

*So then, let those who suffer according to the will of God - - entrust their souls to their faithful Creator.*

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