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Everyone has (at least) one Wilderness experience in his or her life. Why?

Because God uses The Wilderness to get our attention, redirect our paths, and prepare us for new assignments.

Unfortunately, most churches don't prepare you for The Wilderness, so people are thrown for a loop when they come.

Crossing Your Jordan uses the Israelites' journey from Egypt to the Promised Land as a case study. I pray that these forty lessons will help you draw closer to God and find encouragement during your journey.

Godspeed.

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THE FORTY LESSONS			
LESSONS FROM ABRAM'S CALL			
1	You must learn to answer God's calls.	Genesis 12:1	
2	You must learn to respond in obedience.	Genesis 12:4 – 5	
3	You must learn to embrace God's vision.	Genesis 13:14 – 17	
4	You must learn to see beyond circumstances.	Genesis 41:53	
LESSONS FROM THE EXODUS			
5	You must learn to pray without ceasing.	Exodus 2:23 – 25	
6	You must learn to accept God's ways.	Exodus 13:17 – 18	
7	You must learn to follow God.	Exodus 13:21 – 22	
8	You must learn to take risks.	Exodus 14:21 – 22	
9	You must learn to put the past behind you.	Exodus 14:27 - 28	
10	You must learn to trust God.	Exodus 14:31	
LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS OF PREPARATION			
11	You must learn to praise God.	Exodus 15:1	
12	You must learn to change.	Exodus 15:22	
13	You must learn to believe in miracles.	Exodus 15:22 – 25	
14	You must learn to be content with God's manna.	Exodus 16:4 – 5	
15	You must learn to ask for help.	Exodus 18:18-25	
LESSONS FROM THE MOUNTAIN			

16	You must learn from the law.	Exodus 20:1	
17	You must learn to rest.	Exodus 20:11	
18	You must learn to pass God's tests.	Exodus 20:20	
19	You must learn to communicate with God.	Exodus 24:12	
20	You must learn to love God's church.	Exodus 25:8 – 9	
21	You must learn to wait on God.	Exodus 32:1 – 8	
22	You must learn that God is holy and just	Leviticus 12:1 – 2	
LESSONS FROM THE EXPLORATION			
23	You must learn to explore possibilities.	Numbers 13:1 – 3	
24	You must learn to filter out unbiblical advice.	Numbers 13:30 – 31	
25	You must learn to overcome fear.	Numbers 14:1	
26	You must learn to resist the going "back to Egypt."	Numbers 14:1 – 3	
27	You must learn to make wise – and faith-based – decisions.	Numbers 14:4	
LESSONS FROM THE WILDERNESS OF CONSEQUENCES			
28	You must learn to accept consequences.	Numbers 14:21 – 23	
29	You must learn to be thankful.	Numbers 21:5	
30	You must learn to persevere.	Deuteronomy 29:5	
LESSONS FROM THE JORDAN			
31	You must learn to love God's word.	Deuteronomy 6:6 – 9	
32	You must learn to defeat temptation.	Deuteronomy 7:5	
33	You must learn to fear, love, obey, and serve God.	Deuteronomy 10:12 – 13	
34	You must learn to accept new assignments.	Numbers 27:22 – 23	
35	You must learn to be strong and courageous.	Deuteronomy 31:6	
36	You must learn that God will "raise the bar."	Joshua 3:8,13	
LESSONS FROM THE PROMISED LAND			
37	You must learn to celebrate new beginnings.	Joshua 4:1 – 3	
38	You must learn to fight God's way.	Joshua 6:4 – 5	
39	You must learn to choose God's mission.	Joshua 24:15	
40	You must learn to live for eternity.	Revelation 21:1 – 22:5	
You may be wandering in The Wilderness, but God is preparing you for The Promised Land.			

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- 1. Which of the forty lessons was most impactful?
- 2. Where are you right now? Egypt? The Wilderness? The Promised Land?
- 3. Which of the forty lessons has been the most difficult for you to learn?
- 4. How can you maximize your Promised Land impact?