



Have You Forgotten Me?

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Have you ever been stood up for a date? Maybe you forgot to make a phone call. Perhaps, your friends left you alone on a Friday night. As hurtful as that can be, you still survived.

What is hard to overcome is when you are alone in life wondering if God has forgotten you. Maybe you have been there soul-searching and discouraged. You find yourself wondering and looking up to heaven and shouting, or whispering through the tears, “Hey God, have you forgotten me in the wilderness?”

When you are feeling so alone, no one understands. You are not sure anyone even cares. All you feel is alone and forgotten. During those times, other people’s faith stories are tough to hear. You are glad they got their answer, but you cannot help but ask, “God, when is it my turn?”

God had a plan for Moses’ life. His plan was for Moses to lead the Hebrew people out of captivity in Egypt. But, Moses messed up. He tried to take things into his own hands. He killed an Egyptian and had to run and hide in the wilderness, in Midian. Moses hid out in the desert for forty years. He paid the price for doing things his own way. Moses, who was raised to be a leader, was in the desert, watching sheep.

Today, you may be in a wilderness time of your life. The wilderness can be a lonely place. It is a tough time, a lonely time. You are in the wilderness and find yourself wondering, “God, have you forgotten me?” You can learn from Moses and his time in the wilderness.

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COURAGE

C1: Have you ever been stood up for a date? Maybe you have forgotten to make a phone call. Perhaps you were left all alone on a Friday night. Describe a time in your life when you have forgotten and left someone or someone has forgotten and left you. Make sure you include how you felt.

C2: Describe a time in your life when you have walked through a wilderness experience wondering if you were ever going to make it out of that dry, empty, and lonely place. Did you wonder if God had forgotten you?

C3: Great men and women of God seem to have something in common. They all seem to have a wilderness time in their lives. It is a time of pain and trial. Often, many of them felt horribly alone and forgotten. Spend some time with the following question.

- Are men and women great because of their wilderness experience? Or, did the men and women go through the wilderness because they were great? Why?

STRENGTH

S1: Read and answer the following.

Exodus 3:1-2 (ESV)

- From these verses, what is a lesson you can learn from Moses regarding being in the wilderness?
- Have you ever felt forgotten by God? Describe how you felt.

S2: Read and answer the following.

Exodus 3:2-4 (ESV)

- What do these verses reveal to you about God during your wilderness experiences?
- Describe a wilderness experience in your life. Perhaps your wilderness was
 - A hospital room
 - The middle of a divorce
 - A business failing
 - Losing someone you loved

S3: Read and answer the following.

Exodus 3:5-6 (ESV)

- From these verses, what can you learn about God during the wilderness?
- What makes a place Holy?
- Read the footnote in the Fire Bible for these verses. Make sure you read the two articles referenced. What can you glean from these notes?

ENDURANCE

E1: During your lonely wilderness, you feel as if God has forgotten you and what he has planned for your life, but it is during these experiences that God reminds you of your assignment. Read and answer the following.

Exodus 3:6-10 (ESV)

- From these verses, what are two things you can glean about God's purpose for your life?
- What makes the wilderness moments the times you are most sensitive to God's voice?

E2: For the next thirty days, journal everyday about your wilderness experience. Make sure to include the lessons your learned and the assignment God has for your life.

E3: Read **Exodus 3:1-10 (ESV)** and write down three talking points from these verses. Find three men and discuss these ten verses. What did you glean from these discussions?