

WILDERNESS LESSONS # 15

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Camp # 23 Terah

Nu 33:27 They journeyed from Tahath and camped at Terah.

Definition:

Terah = You may breathe; To delay; turning; wandering;

loiterer (from Merriam Webster's Dictionary & Thesaurus)

1: to delay an activity with idle stops and pauses: DAWDLE

2: a: to remain in an area for no obvious reason

b: to lag behind

synonyms: LAGGARD, dawdler, lingerer, slow coach, slowpoke, straggler

related words: dawdling, delaying, loitering, procrastinating; comatose, lethargic, sluggish; apathetic, impassive, phlegmatic

contrasted words: alert, vigilant, watchful, wide-awake; expeditious, fast, fleet, speedy

antonyms: prompt, quick

Definition = Procrastination

Peter's example of delayed obedience:

Ac 10:1-8 angelic visitation to Cornelius

Ac 10:9-16 Peter's vision, (and argument) of clean and unclean animals

vs. 13-15 "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!" 14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean." 15 Again a voice came to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no longer consider unholy."

Ac 10:17-20 the Holy Spirit's instruction to go with the three men at the door.

v. 20 ... get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings ...

Ac 10:21-23 Peter has them stay overnight, the next day he takes some others, and goes

Ac 10:24-48 Peter shares with them and they are filled with the Holy Spirit ...

Abraham's example:

Gen 22:1-14 Abraham offered up Isaac

V. 3 So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and Isaac his son; and he split wood for the burnt offering, and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.

Camp # 24 Mithkah

Nu 33:28 They journeyed from Terah and camped at Mithkah.

Definition:

Mithkah = Sweetness; sweet fountain; (root - to be sweet, to be pleasant)

How forms of this word (Sweetness) is used in Bible:

Positive things that are sweet:

Water (Ex 15:25; Pr 9:17).
Incense (Lev 16:12)
Functioning in your God-given design (Jdg 9:11)
Fulfilled desire (Pr 13:19)
Marital love (SS 2:3, 14; 5:16)
Sleep (Pr 3:24)
Worship - the sweet sounding lyre (Ps 81:2)
Word of God (Ps 19:10)
 Ps 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
Words (and how) we speak
 Sweetness of speech increases persuasiveness (Pr 16:21)
 Pleasant words are a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul and healing to the bones (Pr 16:24)
 A friend's fellowship (Ps 55:14)
 A friend's counsel is sweet (Pr 27:9)

Negative things that are sweet:

Evil (Job 20:12-15; 24:20)
Falsehood, (Pr 20:17; Isa 3:24)
Stolen water, bread eaten in secret (Pr 9:17)
Bitter substituted for sweet and sweet for bitter (Isa 5:20)

Neutral things (neither bad nor good) that are sweet:

David was the sweet psalmist of Israel, (2Sam 23:1)
Sweet wine (Isa 49:26; Joel 1:5; 3:18; Am 9:13)
Sweet cane (Isa 43:24; Jer 6:20; Ezk 27:19)
Sweet drink (Neh 8:10)
Bitter (food) is sweet, to a famished man (Pr 27:7)
Sweet as honey (Jdg 14:14, 18; Pr 24:13; Ezk 3:3; Rev 10:9,10)

How do we handle the sweet things of life?

What things makes your life experience sweet?

Camp # 25 Hashmonah

Nu 33:29 They journeyed from Mithkah and camped at Hashmonah.

Definition:

Hashmonah = Very fat; fatness; (root - firm or capacious in resources; apparently wealthy)

Found only 1 other place

Ps 68:31 Envoys (ambassadors) will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

Envoy =

An official representative sent on behalf of a king or government to other kings or nations.

Believers are God's envoys to his world, bearing the good news of salvation on his behalf. (from Dictionary of Bible Themes)

Messenger =

An individual whose task is to convey information from one person to another.

Seen in Bible as:

1. Envoys sent to other kings or governments
Ps 68:31 Envoys will come out of Egypt; Ethiopia will quickly stretch out her hands to God.

Pr 13:17 A wicked messenger falls into adversity, But a faithful envoy brings healing.

Isa 30:4 "For their princes are at Zoan And their ambassadors arrive at Hanes.
2. Envoys sent to continue or to promote good relations:
King Hiram of Tyre (who had been a friend of David) sent his servants to Solomon, when he heard that he was anointed king, in place of his father (1Ki 5:1)

David sends some servants as messengers to Hanun, the son of King Nahash; to console Hanun and honor Nahash, when he heard of King Nahash's death (2Sa 10:2; 1Ch 19:2)

The King of Babylon sent a gift and a delegation to Hezekiah, for he heard that Hezekiah had been sick and had recovered (2Ki 20:12-13; Isa 39:1-2).
3. Sometimes envoys was sent to nations that were godless (Isa 30:6; 57:9).
4. Motivations of envoys in the Bible
To deceive (Jos 9:4; Pr 13:17).
To ask for military help (2Ki 17:4; Ezk 17:15)
To make enquiries (2Ch 32:31; Isa 14:32)
To be faithful
Pr 25:13 Like the cold of snow in the time of harvest Is a faithful messenger to those who send him, For he refreshes the soul of his masters.
5. The message of the envoy
A message sent from one person to another. (Gen 32:3; Nu 20:14; Jdg 6:35; 1Sam 23:27; 2Sam 11:22; 15:13; 1Ki 19:2; 22:13; 2Ki 1:3; 5:10; 6:32; Job 1:14; Isa 37:9; Jer 51:31; Dan 3:4; Phil 2:25)
To prepare for war. (Isa 18:2; Jer 49:14; Ob 1:1)
To negotiate for peace (Isa 33:7 Lk 14:32)
To declare God's judgment to the nations (Jer 27:3)
A message of rebellion (Lk 19:14)
6. Those whom God uses to speak His message to humanity:
Isa 6:8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Prophets (Nu 16:28; Jdg 6:8; 2Sam 12:25; 1Ki 16:7; 2Ki 17:13; Eccl 5:6; Isa 41:27; 42:19; 48:16; Jer 1:5; 7:25; 25:4; 26:4-6; 44:4; Ezk 38:17; Hab 2:2; Hag 1:13; Zec 4:9; Mal 1:1)

Priests (Mal 2:7)

Apostles - Every minister is a gift to the body of Christ; they are to speak for God to His people; Eph 4:7-13; (five-fold ministry) He gave some as apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers; (see also Gal 1:1; Mt 23:34; Mk 3:14; Lk 11:49; Rom 1:5; 11:13; 1Tim 1:1; 2:7; 2Tim 1:11).

Believers are God's envoys to his world

2Cor 5:20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

Mt 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Jn 17:18 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.

Jn 20:21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

Rom 10:15 How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" (Isa 52:7).

2Co 2:17 For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God.

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Camp # 26 Moseroth

Nu 33:30 They journeyed from Hashmonah and camped at Moseroth.

Definition:

Moseroth = Bonds; corrections; (root - chastisement, restraint)

Moseroth = chastisement (by implying) a restraint; band, bond.
(from A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Hebrew Bible)

God's discipline:

1. God disciplines us out of love:

Pr 3:12 For whom the LORD loves He reproveth, Even as a father corrects the son in whom he delights.

Ps 119:75 I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.

Rev 3:19 'Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.

2. God disciplines us out of the heart of a father:

Heb 12:6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Dt 8:5 "Thus you are to know in your heart that the LORD your God was disciplining you just as a man disciplines his son.

2Sa 7:14 "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men,

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?

3. The purpose of His discipline - to train us in righteousness.

Heb 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

4. How does God discipline us?

Scripture:

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; (Dt 4:36; Isa 8:11)

Dt 29:29 "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.

Grace:

Tit 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age,

His personal teaching:

Isa 48:17 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, Who leads you in the way you should go. (Dt 8:1-5; 11:2-7).

Ps 90:12 So teach us to number our days, That we may present to You a heart of wisdom.

Experiences, trials, school of hard knocks:

1Pt 1:6-7 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, 7 so that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline? (Heb 12:5, 11)

Paul's thorn in the flesh

2Cor 12:7-10 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

Those in rebellion - punishment, chastisement

Heb 12:6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES." (Pr 3:12)

Lev 26:18 'If also after these things you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. (Lev 26:18-28; Hos 5:2; 7:15-16)

2Sa 7:14 "I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, (Ps 73:14)

Jer 32:19 great in counsel and mighty in deed, whose eyes are open to all the ways of the sons of men, giving to everyone according to his ways and according to the fruit of his deeds;

1Co 11:32 But when we are judged, we are disciplined by the Lord so that we will not be condemned along with the world.

5. The goal of God's discipline:

Respect and submission to God

Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

That we may (become like Him) share His holiness

Heb 12:10 For they disciplined us for a short time as seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness.

That we may experience relief and healing.

Job 5:17-18 "Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty. 18 "For He inflicts pain, and gives relief; He wounds, and His hands also heal.

That we would learn to walk in His Word

Ps 94:12 Blessed is the man whom You chasten, O LORD, And whom You teach out of Your law; (Ps 119:67, 71, 75; Pr 1:2-3)

That we would grow spiritually

Heb 12:11 All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

That we would eternal rewards

Rom 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. (2Co 4:17-18; Jas 1:12)

6. How should we respond to God's discipline?

Don't despise or loathe it.

Job 5:17 "Behold, how happy is the man whom God reproves, So do not despise the discipline of the Almighty.

Pr 3:11 My son, do not reject the discipline of the LORD Or loathe His reproof,(Heb 12:5)

7. Discipline in the church

Gal 6:1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. (

Mt 18:15 "If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. 16 "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. 17 "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. (1Cor 2:6; 5:1-7; 2Cor 7:8; 13:2; 2Thes 3:14-15; 1Ti 5:19-20)