



SEARCHING FOR OUR JUST DESSERTS IN THE DESERT

a Lenten Series

4. “Hiding in Plain Sight”

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Sermon Notes

When We Hide in Our Desert WE ARE NOT HIDDEN FROM

GOD

Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ...¹¹ If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,”¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139:7-12

I. Exodus 2:11-17

¹¹ One day, after Moses had grown up...He saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his own people....he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand....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. ¹⁶ Now a priest of Midian had seven daughters, and they came to draw water...¹⁷ Some shepherds came along and drove them away, but Moses got up and came to their rescue and watered their flock.

We Become Aware that God is With Us when WE LOOK

OUTSIDE OURSELVES AND HELP OTHERS

³⁵⁻³⁶ *“I tell you, love your enemies. Help and give without expecting a return. You’ll never—I promise—regret it. Live out this God-created identity the way our Father lives toward us, generously and graciously, even when we’re at our worst. Our Father is kind; you be kind. Luke 6:35-36 MSG*

II. Exodus 2:18-22

...Moses agreed to stay with the man, who gave his daughter Zipporah to Moses in marriage...

We Become Aware that God is With Us when WE FIND

SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES IN US

Maybe Onesimus was separated from you for a short time so you could have him back forever— ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a loved brother. I love him very much, but you will love him even more, both as a person and as a believer in the Lord. ¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome Onesimus as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ If he has done anything wrong to you or if he owes you anything, charge that to me. Philemon 1:15-18

III. Exodus 3:1-9

...There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up... ⁴ When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.”...

We Become Aware that God is With Us when SOMETHING WITHIN US LONGS FOR MORE LIFE THAN WE ARE EXPERIENCING

I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹ He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. Ecclesiastes 3:10-11

IV. Exodus 3:10-15

¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹² And God said, “I will be with you....

When We Become Aware that God is With Us WE ALLOW GOD TO USE US IN SPITE OF INSECURITY

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:8-10