

**He took them
OUT, in order to
take them IN**

**God brought you
OUT of darkness –
in order to take
you INTO his
promises**

**Represents the
promises of God
for your life**

**God's idea was
never for you to
camp at the cross**

**You end up in seasons
where it seems like
you're stuck in a desert
rather than living that
ABUNDANT LIFE that
God intended for you**

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**They are deserts that
threaten to RUIN you,
rather than
STRENGTHEN you**

1 Cor 10.5

**God was not pleased
with that generation;
their bodies were
scattered in the desert**

**1. You need a
repentant heart**

Acts 7.39

**But our ancestors refused to
obey God. Instead, they
rejected him and in their
hearts TURNED BACK to Egypt**

**Where God was
wanting them to move
FORWARD, all they
wanted to do was go
BACKWARDS**

REPENTANCE

**means there's been
a turnaround in your
heart / thinking /
behaviour**

**It DOES MEAN that
your heart desires
the things of God /
ways of God**

**My basic motivation
is to do what's right
and not what's wrong**

**When the going got
tough, EGYPT WAS
STILL THEIR
DEFAULT SETTING**

Prov 26.11

**As a dog returns to its
vomit, so a fool
repeats his folly**

**Is never freedom TO
sin, it's always
freedom FROM sin**

**2. You must be
vigilant against
temptation**

CONDITIONS
in a desert always
make you more
VULNERABLE
in a desert

**One of
the things you're
more at risk to,
is TEMPTATION**

Judges 16.16

**With such nagging Delilah
prodded Samson day after day
until he was **tired to death****

**Samson gives in to
Delilah's temptation,
not because he was
STUPID – but because
he was TIRED**

1 Pet 5.8

Be careful. Watch out, for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour

**3. Choose to
embrace the will
of God**

Matt 26.36

Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him,

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and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “my soul is overwhelmed with sorrow TO THE POINT OF DEATH. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

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Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. YET NOT AS I WILL, BUT AS YOU WILL.”

**They knew the will of
God, but they refused
to accept it**

**Very often your desert
is the result of the
conflict between what
YOU want and what
GOD wants**

**My soul is
overwhelmed with
sorrow TO THE
POINT OF DEATH**

**There's only 2 options
– and one will lead you
into a desert, and the
other that will lead you
into God's favour**

**“Not my will,
but yours”**

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