

Surviving *to* thriving

Part 1

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

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

**God doesn't want you
camping at the front door**

**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. Stop adapting to
life in the desert**





**The danger of BEING in the
desert for too long – is that
you actually GET USED to
being in the desert**

**2. Get unstuck from
your bitterness**

Ex 15.22

Then Moses led Israel from the Red Sea and they went into the Desert. For three days they travelled in the desert without finding water. When they came to Marah (Marah means “bitterness”),

Ex 15.22

they could not drink its water because it was bitter. So the people grumbled against Moses, saying, “What are we to drink?” Then Moses cried out to the Lord, and the Lord showed him a piece of wood. He threw it into the water, and the water became sweet

BITTERNESS



**You're not willing to have
a long, hard, honest look
at yourself**

**3. Set your heart
on pilgrimage**

Psa 84.5

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on **pilgrimage.**

As they pass through the Valley of Baka (tears), they make it a place of springs...

They go from STRENGTH TO STRENGTH, till each appears before God in Zion

Pilgrimage

**A journey to a spiritual
destination**

**They got stuck in a place they
were only supposed to pass
thru**

**It may be where you are NOW,
but it's not where you're
going to STAY**

Psa 126.5

They that sow in tears shall reap in joy

**A heart of pilgrimage allows
God to take the very
circumstance that threatened
to RUIN you and use it, to
REFRESH you**

**“What do you do when you’re
going thru hell? Just keep going”**

**4. Start asking God
for wisdom**

Rom 1.17

The righteous live by faith



**“If you had more
wisdom, you'd need
less miracles”**

Dr Dave Martin

Prov 13.11

**Whoever gathers money little by little,
makes it grow**

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