

**SLAVERY IN TOUGH TIMES**  
**Hearing God In Tough Times - 2 of 5**  
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**1. A \_\_\_\_\_ In The Wilderness**

**Exodus 19:1-3** “On the third new moon after the people of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. <sup>2</sup> They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:”

**Exodus 19:2** “There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup> while Moses went up to God.”

**Exodus 19:3** “The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel:”

**Exodus 19:4-8** ““You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” <sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

**2. A \_\_\_\_\_ In The Wilderness**

**“Favorable circumstances are not the rewards... Hearing God’s voice is the reward!”**

**Exodus 19:4-6** “You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup> Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.”

**3. A \_\_\_\_\_ In The Wilderness**

**LOOK IN:**

- 1.** Have you ever labeled times in your life as “wilderness”? During that time did you think about where God was? If yes, did you experience God near you or do did He feel distant from you?
- 2.** Do you want to meet with God? How do you engage that desire?
- 3.** Why do you think you end up in the wilderness? We don’t typically seek out the wilderness, and often find ourselves confused and frustrated by it. Do you tend to feel desperate and alone in the wilderness, OR, do you feel confident and connected to God?

**4.** If the “wilderness” feels like a dark place, do you believe God will meet you there? Why is it a dark place for you? One of the most beautiful things we see in Exodus 19 is that God accepts His people before they obey. Do you believe He accepts you before you obey Him? Why, or why not?