GOD WITH US:

In The Wilderness

You're not alone. He's with you through

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the pain. He comforts you in the waiting. When you're anxious about your future, He gives you courage. As you climb the mountain, He keeps you safe in His arms. In every moment, we have God With Us.

Do you ever feel lost *In the Wilderness* - unsure of how to find God's presence? In Week 2 of God With Us, we'll discuss how to seek God when we feel alone.

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). – Matthew 1:23

Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors." – 1 Kings 19:3-4

Questions:

- How did God communicate to Elijah in 1 Kings 19:3-12? How about you? How can you adjust your life to hear from Him?
- Pastor Augie said, "Your deepest need becomes a gift when it drives you to depend on God." Have you experienced this gift?

Action:

 Practice waiting on God this week. Each day, ask Him to turn your needs into the gift of depending on Him.

Memory Verse: "The Lord is <u>close to the brokenhearted</u> and saves those who are crushed in spirit." – Psalm 34:18

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We may enjoy God on the mountaintops, but we get to know him intimately in the valleys.



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Ugly Christmas sweaters are so last year.



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All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat." He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.





The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you." So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God. There he went into a cave and spent the night. And the word of the Lord came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?"



1 KINGS 19:7-9

He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."



1 KINGS 19:10



Your deepest need becomes a gift when it drives you to depend on God.

The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake.



1 KINGS 19:11

After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.







God whispers – because He's close.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.





Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.





Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.



PSALM 139:7-10





I'd rather be in the wilderness with God, than on the mountain without Him.



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