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Message: *"In Search of Oz: Finding God's Purpose in Our Trials"*

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Message-based Study

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Connection

Do you have a place you like to be where you never want to leave? Where is that place?

Cheer and Challenge

- How did it go living out your "I will..." statement from last week? Share your experience.
- Tell about any experiences you had this week following through on the B.L.E.S.S. challenge.

Content

God is present in the wildernesses of our lives, speaking to us as He spoke to the Israelites as they journeyed to the Promised Land.

In our trials and tough places, **God refines us, defines us, and assigns us in His perfect plan.**

God was present and provided for the Israelites in the wilderness. Take a moment to list all the ways we saw God give His presence and provision to His people in the following passages:

Numbers 9:15-17

Numbers 11:7-9

Numbers 14:6-9

Numbers 20:6-8

God is present and provides for YOU in your wilderness. Take a moment to list all the ways you have seen God give His presence and provision to you.

As we come out of difficult seasons in our lives, what should our posture be?

1. Be Confident ~ read **Joshua 1:6-9**

Joshua could be strong and courageous because of God's promise. Write the promise in bold letters below.

What does that say to you about God's character?

2. Listen ~ read **Joshua 1:7-8, Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

Reading, meditating on, listening to, and obeying God's word are crucial to growing in faith. How do you spend time with God in His word? How has **reading, meditating on, listening to,** and **obeying** God's word grown your faith?

3. Don't Forget ~ read **Deuteronomy 6:10-12**

What can tempt us, just as it did the Israelites, to forget God's presence and provision? What can you intentionally do to not forget how God provides for you in your wilderness?

Read **Joshua 3:14-17 - 4:1-8** . What were the stones meant to be for the Israelites?

Commitment

Take time to consider your posture as you walk through trials. Which one do you need to live out the most right now? Below, write what you will do this week to be confident, listen, or not forget God's provision.

I will _____ .



Begin with prayer. Listen with care. Eat / Engage with another. Serve. Share your story.

Serve someone this week by identifying a need and meeting it. Let God lead you to the one who needs your blessing of serving.