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Message Title: **Winter and Wilderness 2.0**

**Key Scriptures:**

Exodus 1

Exodus 14:11-12, Numbers 11:4-6

Exodus 20

Numbers 14:1-4

1 Peter 1:6-7

**Main Points:**

1. God can and does work for our benefit in all circumstances, even tragedy and suffering.
2. Israel's suffering in Egypt motivated them to leave and return to the Promised Land and their destiny.
3. The Israel's Wilderness season between Egypt and Canaan was crucial in testing and shaping their character to disciple a nation that could claim God's promises and fulfil their destiny.
4. In the wilderness Israel learned to trust in God for their provision and protection.
5. In the wilderness God gave Israel the Law, Tabernacle worship and sacrifice, the priesthood, and His manifest presence.
6. When Israel faced trial and hardship in the desert they responded with the mindset of slaves, not sons.
7. They had an identity crisis, and though Moses led them out of Egypt he could not pull the Egypt out of them. Inside they were still trapped in slavery.
8. The Rock is journeying through a "wilderness" season at this time. God has led us out from old vision and paradigms and has been revealing a new vision for us and a powerful destiny.
9. Our challenge is to leave the old mindsets and church paradigms behind, allow God to shape us and our church community into the people we need to be to fulfil this destiny.
10. An entire generation of Israel that left Egypt died in the wilderness and did not step into the Promised Land because of lack of faith and fear. We cannot be like that generation.

**Questions for Life Group Discussion:**

1. Why are we so resistant to change in the church?
2. How can we shake off the consumer mindset by which we approach church as a provider of goods and services for our entertainment and benefit, looking for what we can get out of church and not what we can give?
3. What do you believe is your purpose in life? What led you to this belief?
4. What do you believe is the Church's purpose in this world? What led you to this belief?
5. Would you say life is currently oriented towards fulfilling God's purpose for you and His Church?
6. What could you do to align yourself more according to His purposes?

**Pray for each other...**

- For faith and courage to follow God into the destiny that He has for you and His Church.
- Humility to surrender our plans to God's greater plan.

**For your meditation this week...**

- Numbers 13-14

