



Desert Week 2 “Run”

Attendee Questions

June 23rd & 24th

Big Picture

So what do you do when you find yourself in the desert and its not your fault? When circumstances just happen to you? In fact you’ve done everything right? Things beyond your control are literally chasing you into a painful place?

Because it’s a little easier to take being in the desert if you can blame yourself a little bit isn’t it? If you can point to something you did that has led to the circumstances you now find yourself in.

But it’s pretty hard to take when you feel like you have done nothing to deserve what you are going through isn’t it?

So what do you do then? When things are not turning out the way they are supposed to.... Do we get angry???? Do we start to place blame.....?

Talk Amongst Yourselves

Read Psalm 57 page 400 FCC bible & 1 Samuel 16-24 page 199

Have you ever been in a situation like David when he had the opportunity to kill Saul in the cave but David chose not to but he wanted him to know that he could of when he cut off a corner from his robe?

Have you ever had people get jealous of you like Saul was against David just because you were doing the right thing and you started experiencing some type of success?

Have you gotten angry about something and shifted the blame to someone else, maybe God?

Finding Ourselves in the Story

Have you ever had the opportunity to shortcut the desert by doing something you know is wrong? In your relationships, your marriage, your job, your.....?

What are some of “Life’s” curveball’s that you have experienced?

Think About It

In the desert Scott mentioned a couple of options we can choose.

1. *We can keep wandering ...*
2. *Fix it*—take matters into your own hands
3. *Numb it*—burying the pain under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
4. *Run to shelter*—Run to God

Can you share what your experience has been by choosing any of these options?

Make a Shift

Which way are you running today? Are you running in the right direction?

Do you have *people* that are running in the right direction with you?

Closing Thought

1Peter 5:6-7 page 842 FCC bible

Humble yourselves, therefore under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Romans 8:37-39 page 786 FCC bible

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- God does care.
- God wants to provide shelter for you in the midst of your desert.
- But we have to trust and run to him.