

# THE WILDERNESS STRIPS YOU BARE, BUT PREPARES YOU FOR ENCOUNTER.

The wilderness is a place nobody chooses willingly. It's dry, uncomfortable, and lonely. Yet in the Bible, it's where some of the most important encounters with God take place.

Israel wandered in the wilderness for 40 years – stripped of comfort, but shaped into a people. Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tested – weak and hungry, yet strengthened by the Spirit (*Matthew 4:1-11*). Again and again, God uses the wilderness as the place where His people are humbled, refined, and made ready.

For **The Wild Promise**, the wilderness is a season of life we all know – the in-between, the place where old things have been stripped away but new life hasn't fully come. It's where you feel like you lost your way. But the wilderness is also where God draws closest, if you're willing to listen. It's harsh, but holy. Painful, but purposeful.

## STRIPPING TESTING ENCOUNTER