

Leading in the Wilderness

The Hidden Training Grounds of Kingdom Leaders

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WELCOME TO THE HIDDEN PLACE

Dear Leader,

If God has called you, why does it feel like you're stuck?

Today, I want to remind you: wilderness is not punishment — it's preparation.

The most outstanding leaders in Scripture were trained in silence, stillness, and seasons of obscurity.

Moses. David. Jesus. All went through the wilderness before stepping into public assignment.

If you feel delayed, dry, or invisible — you're not off course.

You're in God's leadership incubation chamber.

Let's go deeper.

With honor,

Soraya

"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." – Psalm 127:1

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THE POWER OF PRIVATE OBEDIENCE

Leadership doesn't start on a stage. It starts in the secret place.
Here are four insights drawn from the Word:

1. Private victories precede public elevation
(David killed lions and bears before Goliath – 1 Samuel 17:34–37)
2. God tests our motives before He expands our reach.
“The Lord weighs the heart.” – Proverbs 21:2
3. Wilderness strips away performance so leadership flows from identity
4. Obscurity protects your oil
What God is developing in you cannot be mass-produced.

Reflection:

Where am I still trying to “arrive” instead of allowing God to prepare me?

LEAD LIKE A SHEPHERD, NOT A PERFORMER

In the wilderness, God is shaping you for sustainable excellence:

- Serve before you're seen
- Solve problems without applause
- Lead with heart, not hype

Business Insight:

Your role is your assignment, not your identity.

Spiritual Strategy Tip:

Build systems that reflect your values, not just your offers.

That's how lasting trust is earned.

“I am building your roots deeper than you realize,” says the Lord. “What seems like delay is Me anchoring you for storms your eyes can’t yet see. Do not despise this season — it is the sacred preparation of a legacy leader.”

“Humble yourselves under God’s mighty hand, that He may exalt you in due time.” – 1 Peter 5:6

Write a surrender prayer for this hidden season.

What do I need to release today?

The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.

1 SAMUEL 16:7

ROOT WORK BEFORE RISE

“Before God promotes publicly, He strengthens privately.”

When we ask, “How is God building my foundation in this season?”, we’re not talking about visibility—we’re talking about longevity.

A foundation is what no one sees but everything depends on.

💡 God may be building your foundation through:

- Character tests that refine your integrity
- Delays that train your patience
- Silence that deepens your dependence
- Obscurity that protects your oil
- Daily obedience that increases your authority

✍️ Journal Prompt:

What is God strengthening, stripping, or establishing in me today that will sustain my future influence?

✍️ Write your prayer of surrender.

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LET'S PRAY

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Dear Lord,

Thank You for the wilderness.

Even when I don't understand it, I choose to trust that You are using it to form in me what success never could.

Strip away every identity I've built on performance, pressure, or applause.

Teach me to love Your voice more than visibility...

Your presence more than platforms...

Your timing is more than my ambition.

I surrender to the refining.

I welcome the pruning.

I choose to go deeper before I ask to go further.

Let my roots run wide in truth, deep in humility, and anchored in obedience.

Make me the kind of leader who doesn't just build — but who builds what lasts.

I say yes to the secret place.

Yes to private obedience.

Yes to foundation before elevation.

Because You see me.

You are with me.

And You are not finished with me.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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We are not only called to recognise and celebrate the divine worth of others but to actively participate in fostering unity, justice, and mercy in our communities.

Let's activate what we've learned:

- Journal what God is building in your hidden season
- Forward this letter to a fellow leader who feels delayed
- Ready to go deeper? Join the waitlist for the Hats & Her™ Kingdom Leadership Masterclass

👉 A sacred space for visionary women ready to lead with spiritual authority, alignment, and purpose.

➡ Join the Waitlist Now

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