

I. Introduction

Q: What have you grown up expecting your life-experience to be like as a Christian?

Central Point: The Bible tells us that will struggle daily because we live in a broken world.

The Big Question: As God sees me respond to the HEAT in my world, what in me does he want to change? Where is God calling me to personal change right now?

II. The Real World

A. We Live in a Broken World (Romans 8:20–22)

Three Phrases that Describe earthly life between the fall and Christ's second coming.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. The Principle: Nothing in this world functions in the way it was really intended to.

B. We Live in a World with Personal Evil (1 Peter 5:8–11)

C. The Take Away

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2. The Problem: Our indwelling sin blinds us and warps our perspective.

D. The question: Given that this is the Biblical reality of life, how does God want us to respond?

III. Lessons From the Wilderness

A. Numbers 11:4–23

1. What was the trial?
2. What were their reactions?

B. Numbers 14:1–4

1. What was the trial?
2. What were their reactions?

C. Numbers 20:1–5

1. What was the Trial?
2. What were their reactions?

D. Deuteronomy 8:2–3

1. How does this passage help us understand what God was doing in the wilderness?

8- Heat 2: You in the Real World

Central Point:

1. The Bible says that we live in a broken world as people who struggle daily.
2. The Bible reminds me that all of creation (everything I face every day) was broken and marred by the Fall.
3. God clearly depicts the ways that we, as sinners, respond to life in a world that is “groaning.”

Personal Application

1. I need to identify the specific places where I struggle with life.
2. I need to recognize where the brokenness of this world is particularly troubling to me.
3. Scripture welcomes me to be honest about the ways I sinfully deal with these difficult things.

Relational Application:

1. I need to be committed to help others to be honest about their struggles with life.
2. I need to lovingly help others recognize their expectations and disappointments as they deal with life.
3. I need to remind people that God welcomes them to be honest about the ways they deal with life’s difficulties.