

MEMORY VERSE

“O God, Thou art my God; I shall seek Thee earnestly: my soul thirsts for Thee, my flesh yearns for Thee, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

Psalm 63:1

The theme of the desert (living in trial) is strong in scripture.

As you read the stories of the desert experiences of others this week see what lessons of faith God may be teaching you through their experiences and through your own desert experiences.

MONDAY

- Read Acts 12

What was the faith stretching desert experience of Peter (and the church)?

How could what happened to James make this a more difficult test of faith for Peter and for the church?

TUESDAY

- Read 1 Samuel 22-23; Psalm 63

What was the faith stretching desert experience of David in 1 Samuel 22-23?

As you read Psalm 63, what is the desert experience doing in the heart and mind of David?

WEDNESDAY

- Read Genesis 27, 39-41

What desert experiences did Joseph experience?

How did God work through the difficult circumstances in Joseph's life?

How do you see God working in your life through the trials and

THURSDAY

- Read Exodus 2:11-3:22

What trial and desert experience did Moses have?

How did God use this time to prepare Moses for leading the nation of Israel?

FRIDAY

- Read Matthew 26:36-46

Describe the desert experience of Jesus in the garden?

What does Jesus pray for and how does He submit to the Father's will at the same time?

How does Jesus demonstrate the strength that came through His prayer? (Verse 45-46)

SATURDAY

- Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

How does God answer the prayers of Paul for healing?

Why does God allow Paul to continue to suffer and not heal him in response to his prayers?

How does God want to show you your weakness so He can be strong in you?
