

Text: Deuteronomy 8:1-10
Title: Everyday with Jesus
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Series: Hear and Remember

[**For Group Leaders:** The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

1. **SERMON RECAP**

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“Everyday with Jesus” - Israelites living with the Lord daily

- The place of the Deuteronomic call “shamar”
- Lessons in the wilderness as a time of testing and humbling
- God wants to know what is in our hearts
- Developing utter trust in and total dependence on God
- The necessity to remember the wilderness experience in preparation for life in the Promise Land.

2. **LIVE IT OUT**

- a. The preacher shared three applications of walking with Jesus, i.e. a life of dependence and gratitude through **Prayer**, reading and remembering **God’s Word**, and **Carrying the Cross** daily through life encounters (both joyful and painful).
 - > In your group, share ONE aspect which you find most fulfilling. Be specific and give examples where possible.
 - > Which area do we find most challenging?
- b. People who have just come back from a mission trip often shared how they were 'jolted' from their 'presumptuous living' and learnt how to appreciate the simple things in life again and walk closer with God. Besides going on mission trips, what else can we do to avoid falling into presumptuous living and lifeless routines?
 - > Share with one another your ideas and experiences.
 - > Practice one of these ideas this week.
- c. Do you remember a time when you were on fire for God and passionate for His Kingdom? Why was it so? If this has been lost, is it possible for us to recover the fire and passion, and perhaps grow even stronger?

> Share your thoughts. If time permits, draw a timeline of your life journey and recount significant events and experiences that have helped or hindered your devotion to God.

3. **PRAY**

- a. Lost in our modern comforts, we so easily forget the most basic of blessings that include the roof over our heads, food, and clothing. Are we truly grateful to God for what we have, or are we simply asking for more all the time?
> Take time this week to reflect on the things you are striving for and re-define your purpose in life. Bring them before our Heavenly Father in prayer.
- b. As a group, pray for students in our church as they face annual or major exams. Pray that even in their tender age, they would understand the meaning of “men shall not live by bread alone”.

4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Deut 8:2 tells us that God “led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart**”.

Does God not already know what is in our heart? If so, what then is the purpose of humbling and testing us?
Discuss and share.
