



Through The Wilderness:

A Journey Together

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Why Go Through The Wilderness?

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1. Spiritual Wilderness can be a place of discipline.
 2. Spiritual Wilderness can be a place of testing and refinement.
 3. Spiritual Wilderness can be a place where God wins our affections and crushes our idols.
 4. Spiritual Wilderness can be a place where God shows His glory.



Part 2 – Perspective for the Wilderness Journey

Section 4 – Know Thyself



2 Corinthians 13

⁵ Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

Self Awareness and Self Unawareness

Paul seemed to be Self-Aware...

I Corinthians 15

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.

Self Awareness and Self Unawareness

Peter and the disciples seemed to be Self-Unaware...at first!!

Matthew 26

³³ Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will."

³⁴ "Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."³⁵ But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.



What are your strengths, talents, gifts?

1 Peter 4:10-11

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.” (NIV)



**What are your weaknesses?
Struggles?
Fears?
Areas of Pride?**

Matthew 7

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged.² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.³ “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.


2 Corinthians 12

9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.



Romans 12

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.



Have you gained in...
Experiences?
Knowledge?
Wisdom?

What desires do you have?

**Desire +
Direction +
Discipline +
Devotion =
Destiny**



What motivates you?

What are you willing to struggle through to achieve your goals?

For what are you willing to sacrifice?

Matthew 16

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?

WHICH LOVE LANGUAGE?	HOW TO COMMUNICATE	ACTIONS TO TAKE	THINGS TO AVOID
 WORDS OF AFFIRMATION	Encourage, affirm, appreciate, empathize. Listen actively.	Send an unexpected note, text, or card. Encourage genuinely and often.	Non-constructive criticism, not recognizing or appreciating effort.
 PHYSICAL TOUCH	Non-verbal - use body language and touch to emphasize love.	Hug, kiss, hold hands, show physical affection regularly. Make intimacy a thoughtful priority.	Physical neglect, long stints without intimacy, receiving affection coldly.
 RECEIVING GIFTS	Thoughtfulness, make your spouse a priority, speak purposefully.	Give thoughtful gifts and gestures. Small things matter in a big way. Express gratitude when receiving a gift.	Forgetting special occasions, unenthusiastic gift receiving.
 QUALITY TIME	Uninterrupted and focused conversations. One-on-one time is critical.	Create special moments together, take walks and do small things with your spouse. Weekend getaways are huge.	Distractions when spending time together. Long stints without one-on-one time.
 ACTS OF SERVICE	Use action phrases like "I'll help...". They want to know you're with them, partnered with them.	Do chores together or make them breakfast in bed. Go out of your way to help alleviate their daily workload.	Making the requests of others a higher priority, lacking follow-through on tasks big and small.

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Are you prepared for war?

Ephesians 6

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day



Are you prepared for war?

What is your MOS?

Military Occupational Specialty

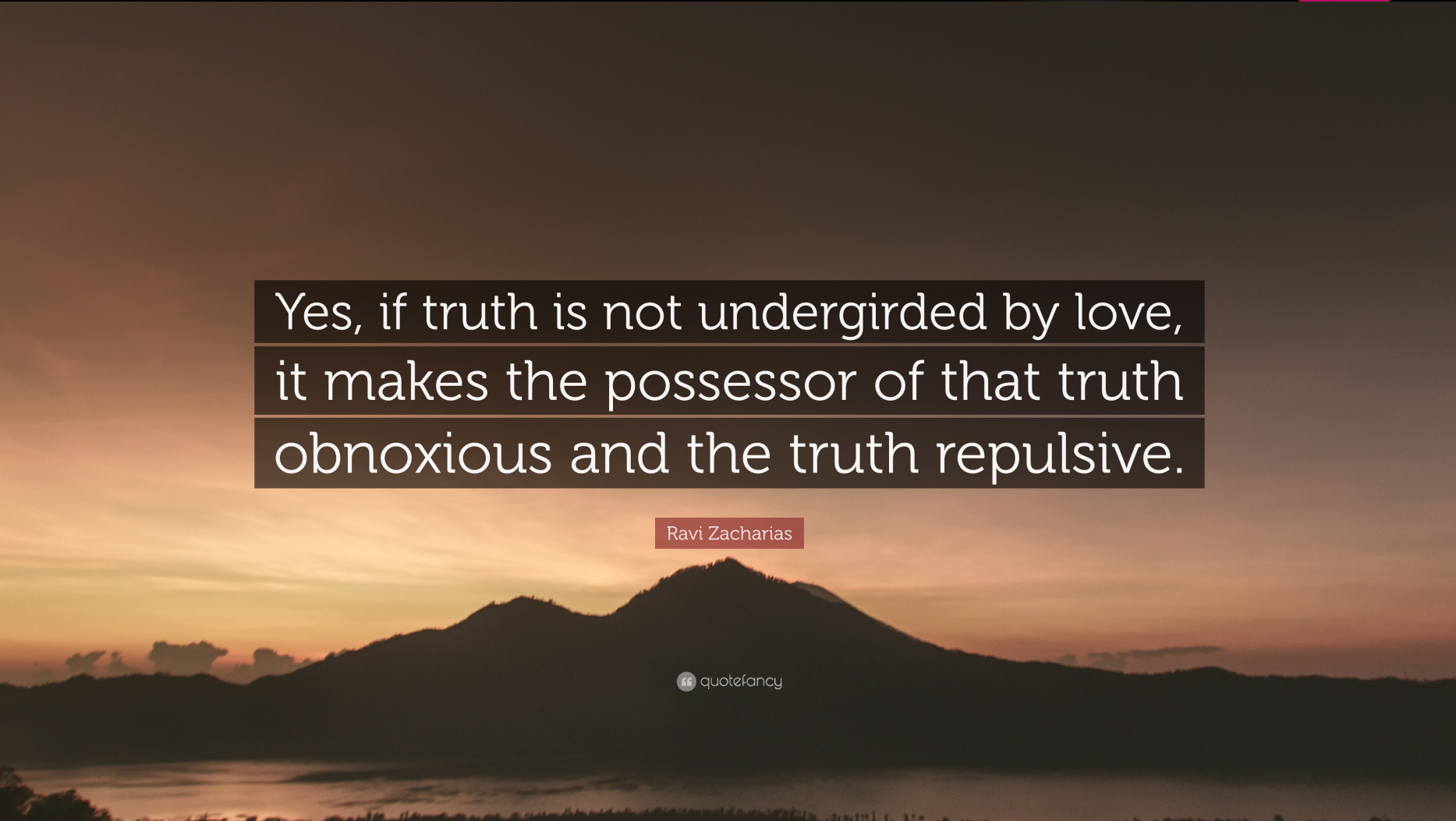
Proverbs 31 Challenge... *"It is time to get in the fight!!"*



What refreshes you?




**Is there something that you
struggle to leave behind in
Egypt?**



Yes, if truth is not undergirded by love,
it makes the possessor of that truth
obnoxious and the truth repulsive.

Ravi Zacharias

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