

Navigating the Wilderness



Village Green
Community Church

1 Peter
2:11-12 NLT

¹¹ Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.



Hebrews
11:8-10 NLT



⁸ It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to leave home and go to another land that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. ⁹ And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—**for he was like a foreigner, living in tents.** And so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. ¹⁰ **Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God.**



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Peter is concerned for the state of our ***soul*** and the state of our ***witness***.





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What eventually conquered the heart of Rome (and the world), were ***foreigners*** who lived by ***foreign*** ideals!





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You will never touch a **heart** if you cannot get past their **eyes** or **ears**!



We are different, not as an act of **defiance**, but as earthly examples of a **better way** – the **way of Jesus!**

