

# Navigating the Wilderness



Village Green  
Community Church

When Jesus heard this, he was **amazed**. Turning to those who were following him, he said, "I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel! "Go back home. Because you believed, it has happened." And the young servant was healed that same hour.  
(Mat 8:10, 13 NLT)

And he was **amazed** at their unbelief. Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people.  
(Mark. 6:6 NLT)





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***Suffering*** and ***victory*** go together.



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<sup>3</sup> Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up. <sup>4</sup> After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin.





Sin damages our ***relationships, resources,***  
and especially our ***souls.***



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Focus on the ***race***, the ***example (Jesus)***,  
and the ***prize!***

