The Wilderness Journey Session 1: Seeking Strength on the Wilderness Road March 9, 2022

Prayer

God who knows us, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out. Your hope never runs dry. Your joy never gives up.

We wish that we could be more like you in that way.

In a world that loves scarcity, your abundance is shocking.

In a world that knows fear, your joy is compelling.

In a world that knows anxiety, your peace is captivating.

We long for these things.

Today we ask you—Be with us on this wilderness journey.

Be with us when compassion fatigue rears her head.

Be with us when stress makes it hard to breathe.

Be with us when self-doubt pushes in close.

Be with us when exhaustion becomes constant or when loneliness becomes our primary language.

Be with us and show us the way to the life you long for us.

Show us a life of expansive faith. Show us a life of overflowing joy.

Show us a life of absorbing beauty.

Show us a life of engrossing purpose.

Show us a life that is as honest, and rich, and meaningful as the one Jesus led.

God, we are amazed by you.

Your love never runs out.

Bring that never-ending love here.

Amen

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