



Truths shared by Ashley, Brody and Amber on life in and then escape from the wilderness

Ashley: Deut 32:18 **You were unmindful** (your thoughts were on other things) **of the Rock** (Christ) **that bore you, and you forgot the God who gave you birth.** (I wouldn't give up my secret sin, I looked for satisfaction apart from God, I hid, and tried to meet God on my own terms, in all a terrible place - Deut 8:15).  
ESV

Deut 4:29 **But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul** (your will). (thanks in part to the God led prayers of her mother and sisters, Ashley re-found Him).

Brody: Acts 5:1-3 **NLT A man named Ananias who, with his wife, Sapphira, sold some property. But kept back part of the money and brought the rest to the apostles, claiming it was the full amount. Peter said, "Why has Satan filled your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit..."** They both immediately died.

God revealed through Brody that many Christians are like Ananias and Sapphira, and claim to fully surrender their lives to God while keeping back areas of their lives for themselves, like not submitting their intellects. They therefore lie to God, and Satan is the father of lies.

Matt 16:24 **Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let them deny themselves ("i") by taking up their cross (die to "i") and follow Me ("I").**

Amber: Ps 106:9-12 **God rebuked the Red Sea...He saved them from the hand of him who hated them** (Pharaoh, equivalent to Satan)...**Then they believed His words; They sang His praise** (the equivalent of being born again). But:

13-24 **They soon forgot His works; They did not wait for His counsel, But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, And tested God in the desert... Then they despised the pleasant land; They did not believe His word,**

Jer 2:2 **...Thus says the LORD: "I remember you** (God remembering me and me remembering God) **the kindness of your youth, the love of your betrothal when you went after Me in the wilderness, In a land not sown** (Amber did)

Christians, like Israel, choose the wilderness and miss heaven, God wants to reach them

Isa 41:18 **...I will make the wilderness a pool of water, the dry land springs of water**

Isa 43:19 **Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.** (How will God do this? Through those who are in the Promised Land)  
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Isa 58:11 **The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones** (keep you healthy - NLT); **You will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.**