

All through the Dough
Deuteronomy 8:2 – 5, 15, 16 / September 1, 2024
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- Last week: Jesus builds His Church right in hardest, darkest spots. The Church is People. The Church is You.

- Today: The ways in which Jesus builds People. Jesus boldly goes where no god has gone before. He is transforming the Heart. In my experience, here is where some of Jesus' best church work is done:
 - In the Wilderness
 - In the Valley
 - In Secret

- GK Chesterton quote

- Wilderness
 - Deuteronomy 8: 2 -5, 15, 16 (NIV)
 - Vast, dreadful, thirsty, waterless, venomous snakes and scorpions
 - God is testing, the deceiver is tempting
 - We say, "I want to go back."
 - Jesus' work in our hearts: Testify

- Valley
 - 1 Kings 19 (Elijah)
 - After great victory comes the valley many times
 - Expectations dashed. Failure. Alone. Disappointed
 - We say, "I've had enough."
 - Jesus' work in our hearts: Be Still

- Secret
 - Matthew 13:33
 - What is the Kingdom like?
 - Surprising. Secret. Small. Mysterious. Relentless.
 - We say, "I don't see it."
 - Jesus' work in our hearts: Give Thanks