

# Sermon Notes - March 1, 2026

Lent Series: Wisdom in the Desert

*"Silence & Solitude: A Place of Loneliness, Kindness,  
and Transformation"*

**Speaker:** John Roberts

**Texts:** Luke 15:15 - 16

## **Introduction**

Where are you finding time for solitude and silence?

**The desert is a place of God's speaking... and God invites us there to listen.**

The *midbar/desert* is a place where you hear the *dabar/divine speaking*.

It seems that every significant character in the biblical story spent time in the desert...

**The desert can be a place where God meets us in our loneliness with his kindness to transform us.**

"Solitude is the place where Christ remodels us in his own image and frees us from the victimizing compulsions of the world."

-Henri Nouwen, *The Way of the Heart*

Mark 1:29 - 34



## **Coming up at MLCC:**

### **MLCC Next Steps Classes**

**March 1st & 8th  
11am**

### **Seniors Ministry**

**Game Day March 4th 1pm**

### **Baptism Class**

**March 15th 11am**

Mark Connections Card to sign up

### **Women's Retreat**

**March 13-15th**

### **Women's Bible Study**

**Beginning March 19th**

### **Baptism Sunday**

**March 29th**

### **Men's Bible Study**

**Tuesdays 6:30pm**

### **Women's Fitness**

**Mondays & Thursdays 10am**

### **Youth Ministry**

#### **Junior High Youth**

Wednesdays 6-8pm

(Doors open at 5:30)

#### **High School Youth**

Sundays 6-8pm

(Doors open at 5:30)

