Follow Me As I Follow Christ - A Journey with Paul

“Training in the Desert”

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Galatians 1:15-20

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A. How many have seen the movie _______________?
   1. The main character’s transformation occurred in a place of ____________, quietness, and ____________.

B. A survey of the Scriptures reveals that those God greatly used were often prepared for their assignments during periods of solitude, ____________ and obscurity.
   1. Take the examples of ____________, ____________, and ____________.
   2. Through their times in the “desert,” each of them learned the value of growing ________ in their relationship with ________.

C. With all this in mind, we turn our attention to the story of _______ of ________.

D. In Galatians 1, we learn a number of things about Saul’s past, before conversion.
   1. We learn that he had been trying to please ________.
   2. We learn that he had been climbing the ladder of __________ success.

E. In Galatians 1, Paul tells us about two things he did not do immediately after his conversion.
   1. He did not immediately consult with _______ and ________.
   2. He didn’t rush to ___________ to present himself to the ___________.

F. Where then did Saul gain all his insight into the nature of God’s call and the gospel? He received it from ______ during his period in ___________.

G. Where is Arabia? It is a large area stretching from as far south as ____________ and all the way north to the lower boundaries of ________.

H. For ________ years, Saul lived somewhere in the desert.

I. Charles Ryie said, “In Arabia, he was alone with ________, thinking through the implications of his encounter with the risen ________ on the Damascus Road.

J. Just imagine, Saul had been so religious, so busy and zealous, but he had been so ________.

K. Perhaps, the same words might be descriptive of many of us ________________.

L. The good news is that God doesn’t require geographical ____________ to teach us the lessons learned through ____________.

M. Three ____________ for growing deeper in our relationship with God.
   1. Instead of ____________ up, ____________ down and ____________.
   2. Instead of ____________ more, be ________ and ____________.
   3. Instead of seeking the ____________ or a place of ____________, be content to humbly ________ behind the scenes.

N. The call of solitude and silence and service will prepare us to make a ________ in the world for Jesus, but the difference we make starts by _____ being different.