

Daily Devotion For March 4, 2021

Last week I had the opportunity to spend a week in Palm Desert. In 1993, my wife Kazuko and I purchased a timeshare at the Marriott Desert Springs. It has been a place for refreshment and renewal for my family for almost 30 years!

Often time when we think of a desert it is generally a very dry and barren place. There are stretches of sand and nothingness, and it's not the kind of place most people would willingly spend time in. In the Bible, the desert is also depicted as an unfriendly and lonely place. Jesus was led by the Spirit of God into the desert to be tempted by the Devil for forty days. Moses led the Israelites for forty years in the desert.

Why the desert? Because for the children of God it was a place where God would speak to his people. God spoke to Moses in the burning bush in the desert (Exodus 3). Elijah received clear direction for the next steps of his ministry while in the desert (I Kings 19:15-18). It was after Jesus spent time in the desert that He started his public ministry (Luke 4:14).

Throughout scripture God we read that God did many miracles for the Israelites while in the desert.

Thought For Today: The desert experience can be a dry, barren place, but when God leads you into such a season, He has a purpose for it and He WILL speak, if you will listen. Are you in the desert? What is God saying? Are you listening?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for the desert seasons? Ask God to speak to you as you wander in the desert. Marlene Sato request prayer for her brother in law Duane Gida who had a heart attack and is being intubated. Continue to pray the most recent prayer fuel. Deo Volente.