Sermon for November 28/29, 2026
"Fullness in the Desert" Pastor Jeff Manion

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THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DON'T MISS THIS. We've made it through Thanksgiving week, and the Christmas season has officially begun. For many of us, the next four weeks will bring gatherings full of food, fellowship, and gifts. It's the perfect season to share the greatest gift of all: Jesus. But many of us don't know where to start. Join us on December 9 at 7 PM for **SHARING YOUR FAITH.** This 90-minute interactive workshop will give you simple, practical tools to share the gospel with confidence in everyday conversations. To learn more and register, click HERE.

GROUP VALUES. This December, we're focusing on the value **SHARING YOUR FAITH**. We believe Jesus invites every believer to participate in his mission of making disciples. Part of that mission is telling others about Jesus and what God is doing in our lives and in our church. As a group, talk about someone whose courage to speak up about their faith made a difference in your spiritual journey. Then pray for God to open doors for you to talk about Jesus with the people in your life this month.

GROW AS A LEADER. Fullness in the desert is possible only when we orient our lives around God's love. In this week's psalm, David uses the Hebrew word *hesed* to describe that love (Psalm 63:3). This word is often translated as "**STEADFAST LOVE**" and describes a committed, unwavering, covenant love—a love rooted in God's promises. God's love for David is a constant thread that runs through every circumstance, and he loves us the same way. Take time to journal about God's *hesed* in your own story. Where have you seen his faithful commitment to you in this season?

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

This week, we continue our sermon series **PRAYERS OF DAVID** with Psalm 63, David's prayer in the desert. We'll explore how God alone truly satisfies.

ICEBREAKER
What was the most satisfying part of your Thanksgiving meal?

THIS WEEK'S TEXT
Have someone read Psalm 63 aloud.

What words or images does David use to describe his longing for God?

How do David's surroundings compare with the language of fullness and satisfaction he uses?

What does this psalm reveal about who God is?

THIS WEEK'S SERMON

Pastor Jeff Manion talked about how David found fullness in God himself, even while running for his life in the desert. As a group, name his main points or key ideas.

Our culture constantly promises to satisfy our hungry hearts, but those promises never last. Where do you see people searching for satisfaction today?

When we're exhausted or empty, we often reach for quick fixes like our phones, a show, or comfort food. Why do you think it's so easy to settle for these substitutes instead of turning to God?

Read Psalm 63:3. The Hebrew word for love here, *hesed*, describes a loyal, promise-keeping love. How does knowing that change the way you approach God in a hard season?

Sometimes we experience moments of deep fullness that involve not only God's gifts, but God himself. Share a moment when you sensed his presence, not just his blessings.

David's trust in God's goodness grew over decades of following him. What practices have helped you trust in God more deeply?

Remembering what God has done in the past helps us trust him in the present. What's one moment of his faithfulness in your past that can help you trust him in your current season?

Finding fullness in God is a lifelong journey of stepping toward him. What's one step you can take this week to turn to God when you're tempted to reach for a substitute?

WRAP UP

This week, we discussed how David's prayer in the desert shows us that God alone truly satisfies in every season. What from this conversation or the sermon encouraged or challenged you the most?

Close your time in prayer, using Psalm 63 as a guide to bring your group's needs honestly to God.