



Series title: Journey of Discovery

Session title: Four Trees that speak of God

1 Rotem Tree: The desert is there to get Egypt out of us – Egypt that promises abundance and more–than–enough but never satisfies or ultimately does us any good, enslaving us again. In the harsh desert conditions God provides just–enough to get us through to a place of lasting freedom. The solitary Rotem is a moment of relief, a gift of shade in the heat and pressure of life. God is always a hand’s breath away with just enough shade that we need to persevere and keep going.

2 Acacia Tree: Known as the gift of the desert! Most Acacias look dead for much of the time and stay dormant for 10 or more years without water. When the waters finally come the Acacia bursts into bloom and is green and luscious The lesson is to keep walking in God’s word, knowing rains are coming and we’ll be ready to bear fruit.

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3 Ar'ar bush/tree: this is a huge bright green bush amidst the barrenness, bearing large grapefruit-sized fruit, but they are toxic and empty. Unlike the Acacia it looks like it is going to be a gift, but that's a deception. This is the difference in those who trust in God [Acacia] and those who trust in Man [Ar'ar]

4 Tamarisk tree: this tree needs cultivation and tending. Its foliage absorbs the small amounts of moisture and puts it out in its shade which is 15% cooler than shade cast by other trees. It needs a bit of work and takes 80 years to grow. It is therefore planted for the generations to come; it's for the grandkids to enjoy the legacy of work done!

Abraham planting the Tamarisk tree was making a statement that God's people would be in the land for generations to come. Our trust is in the promises of God and in their longevity. Our perseverance and constant walking in God's word is important for the future, and fruit will live on beyond us!

Pause and ponder these trees before God.

- Q. What tree do we resonate with in this season?
- what would God say to us from this?

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