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## Through the Wilderness to Canaan

Exodus 40:34-38

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Today's text is the final scene from Exodus. The Israelites at the end of the Exodus are not those who have the land of Canaan in front of them but those who have 39 years of wilderness life in front of them. Today's text presents three secrets of how the Israelites survived in the wilderness, where survival was impossible, and how the next generation could enter the land of Canaan. It is God's presence, God's protection, and God's guidance.

1. How did God's spiritual presence come upon the Israelites? (Verses 34-35). When did you look back on your past life and experience the strongest presence that God is with me? What should I do more to fully enjoy God's spiritual presence today?
2. How did God protect the Israelites? (Verse 38). Have you ever had God's protection such as pillars of cloud and pillars of fire in your lives? As a result, what has changed in your view toward God or your attitude toward your walk of faith?
3. How did God lead the Israelites? (Verses 36-37). What is the greatest foundation of your life that is the object of your trust in life? How does it shape your life and how does it shape your direction?
4. As you finish the book of Exodus, share one thing that you find most blessing or memorable. Please pray for each other so that we can fully enjoy God's spiritual presence today, while living in a wilderness, and receive God's protection and guidance in our lives, so we can go through the wilderness and reach the promise land of Canaan.