

When Walking Through The Valley...

**I will _____ in God's
provision and purpose.**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1 (NASB)

I will _____ to turn negative.

...I fear no evil... Psalm 23:4b (NASB)

*Be on guard against the psychological propaganda
the enemy interjects:*

“You _____” and “God _____”

**I will _____ for my constant
companion.**

...for You are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

Psalm 23:4b-5 (NASB)

***“The thing that separates Christianity from all other
religions is its personal pronouns.” (Martin Luther)***

*The man of God came up and told the king of Israel, “This is what
the LORD says: ‘Because the Arameans think the LORD is a god of the
hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your
hands, and you will know that I am the LORD.’” I Kings 20:28 (NIV)*

**I will _____ on God's protection
and guidance.**

...Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NASB)

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Walking Through The Valley **Sermon Series – Message 1**



THERE'S A PURPOSE IN THE VALLEY

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But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven, ¹²a land for which the LORD your God cares; the eyes of the LORD your God are always on it, from the beginning even to the end of the year.

Deuteronomy 11:11-12 (NASB)

*Valley = a low point, or condition;
a hollow, or depression*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

²He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters. ³He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk

through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and lovingkindness

will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:1-6 (NASB)

Valleys are a _____ of _____.

*“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace.
In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 (NIV)*

Even though I walk through the valley...Psalm 23:4a (NASB)

Valleys are a part of God’s _____.

*The LORD is my shepherd...²He makes me lie down...He leads me ...
³He restores my soul. He guides me ...Psalm 23:1-3 (NASB)*

So obey the commands of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and fearing him. ⁷For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land of flowing streams and pools of water, with fountains and springs that gush out in the valleys and hills. Deuteronomy 8:6-7 (NLT)

When he had finished praying, Jesus left with his disciples and crossed the Kidron Valley. On the other side there was a garden, and he and his disciples went into it. John 18:1 (NIV)

Valleys are not always _____.

Even though I walk through the valley...Psalm 23:4a (NASB)

...He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. Matthew 5:45b (NIV)

Then on the fourth day they assembled in the Valley of Beracah, for it was there that they blessed the LORD. For that reason they named that place “The Valley of Beracah (blessing)” until today. ²⁷Then they returned to Jerusalem with joy, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, led by Jehoshaphat, for the LORD had made them rejoice over their enemies. II Chronicles 20:26-27 (AMP)

Valleys are not _____ places of residency.

Even though I walk through the valley...I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:4a, 6b (NASB)

So we’re not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There’s far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can’t see now will last forever. II Corinthians 4:16-18 (MSG)

*“No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”
I Corinthians 2:9b (NLT)*

“We may enjoy God on the mountaintops, but we get to know Him intimately in the valleys.” (Craig Groeschel)

Valleys have a _____ to accomplish in me and through me.

-Even though the going is rough for a while down here. ⁷These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold; so if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of his return. I Peter 1:6b-7 (TLB)

*“Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” ⁴³An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. ⁴⁴And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.
Luke 22:42-44 (NIV)*

*“Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”
Luke 22:53 (NIV)*