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## God/Valleys

Everyone experiences complicated times in our lives. Much like a hiking trail, our lives are filled with peaks and valleys, highs and lows that are unavoidable. But even in our darkest valleys, God is there with us, guiding us down the right path and teaching us along the way.

Immediately I draw your attention to God's Holy Word.

Psalm 23:1-4 says, **The Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul, He leads me the right paths for his names sake. Even when I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me!**

1 Kings 20:28...**God said, "Because the Syrians think that I am only the god of the hills and not that I am the God of the valleys, I'm going to give you victory over this huge army so everyone will know that I am the Lord!**

## WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT VALLEYS

1. Valleys are \_\_\_\_\_

**The promised Land you are about to enter is a land of hills and valleys. Deut. 11:11**

**Don't be surprised when you are tested by troubles or painful suffering, as if something unusual is happening to you.**

1 Peter 4:12

2. Valleys happen \_\_\_\_\_

**The good man does not escape all troubles—he has them too. But the Lord helps him in each and every one. Psalm 34:19**

3. Valleys are \_\_\_\_\_

**Don't ever brag about tomorrow, since you don't know what the day will bring forth. Proverbs 27:1**

## WHAT TO REMEMBER IN A VALLEY

1. Remember I'm not alone, \_\_\_\_\_

**Even when I walk through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me! Psalm 23:4**

**When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up—the flames will not consume you! Isaiah 43:2**

**As for me, God's presence is all I need! I've made the sovereign Lord my shelter. Psalm 73:28**

2. Remember God has a good purpose \_\_\_\_\_

**We can even rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and that kind of hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured his love into our hearts. Romans 5:3-5**

**I will transform the Valley of Trouble into a Gateway of Hope!**

3. Remember the reward \_\_\_\_\_

**For our present troubles are quite small and they won't last very long. Yet they are producing in us an eternal glory that will last forever and is greater than anything we can imagine. 2 Cor. 4:17**

**Thousands upon thousands are waiting in the valley of decision. There the day of the Lord will soon arrive. Joel 3:14**

**Realize that the valley you are going through is temporary, but the decision to make Jesus the Shepherd of your life offers eternal rewards.**