



July 31, 2022 | Part 9: From Valleys to Victories
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Psalm 23:4-6 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Big Idea: Dark valley moments are a part of life, but God is with us in them, using them for His purposes, so we can live victoriously in Him.

GOD USES VALLEYS FOR HIS PURPOSES (v. 4)

- Valleys take away _____.

1 Kings 19:11-12 The Lord said, “Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. ¹² After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper.

- Valleys make us look _____.

Psalm 121:1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from?

- All valleys come to an _____.

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.”

WE PASS THROUGH VALLEYS, BUT WE LIVE IN VICTORY (v. 5)

- We need to challenge our _____ – from defeat to victory.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Live like who you _____ in Christ, not who you _____ in sin.

Ephesians 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

VALLEYS AREN'T FOREVER BUT HIS PRESENCE IS (v. 6)

- Because His presence surrounds us, He's filling in our _____ spots.

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

- The greatest fulfillment in life comes not from what God can do for us, but simply being in His _____.

Psalms 27:4 One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.