

MY SHEPHERD IN DARK VALLEYS

God In The Hard Times - Part 5

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Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4 (NIV)

Examples of Life's Valleys

The Valley of Calamity -- Joshua 7:26 (LB)
The Valley of Weeping -- Psalm 84:6 (LB)
The Valley of Trouble -- Hosea 2:15 (LB)
The Valley of Judgment -- Joel 3:14 (LB)

WHAT TO REMEMBER IN DARK VALLEYS

1. Valleys are _____

In this world you will have trouble. John 16:33

2. Valleys are _____

Disaster follows disaster... In an instant my tents are destroyed, my shelter in a moment. Jeremiah 4:20

3. Valleys are _____

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

4. Valleys are _____

So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. I Peter 1:6 (NLT)

Our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 2 Corinthians 4:17

5. Valleys are _____

At the present you may be temporarily harassed by all kinds of trials. This is no accident -- it happens to prove your faith -- which is infinitely more valuable than gold. I Peter 1:6-7 (Ph)

WHAT TO DO IN DARK VALLEYS

"I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me."

1. Refuse _____

- **I WILL FEAR NO EVIL**

God will strengthen you with his own great power so that you will not give up when troubles come, but you will be patient. Colossians 1:11 (NCV)

2. Remember _____

- **FOR YOU ARE WITH ME**

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 (LB)

3. Rely on _____

- **YOUR ROD AND STAFF COMFORT ME**

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 (LB)

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*