



Sermon Outline
January 23, 2022
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Dark Valleys

Psalm 23

* **The 23rd Psalm provides three perspective changing viewpoints:**

- 1. EVEN THOUGH I don't have everything I want; I have everything I _____.**
- 2. EVEN THOUGH life may appear overwhelming, God's _____ is permanent.**
- 3. EVEN THOUGH there will be challenges to go _____, I have something to go to.**

Psalm 23:4

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me;
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.*

Valley Walking Observations:

- 1. God never promised a life without _____.**

John 16:33b - In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

1 Peter 1:6b - ...now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

- 2. Sometimes God calms the _____ and sometimes He calms His _____.**

Isaiah 43:2a - When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

3. You know you have faith when it doesn't make sense but you choose to still _____.

Hebrews 11:1 - Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

** Suffering often causes us to doubt our beliefs and believe our doubts.*

Hebrews 13:5b - because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Valley Walking Recommendations:

- 1. You _____.**

Psalm 22:1 - My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish?

Psalm 13:1 - How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me?

** You're closer to God when you question than when you think you have all the answers.*

- 2. You _____.**

Psalm 34:4 - I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Philippians 4:6-7 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- 3. You _____.**

1 Peter 2:23b - He (Christ) entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

** When we get to the _____ of ourselves there is God.*