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when I walk through dark valleys in life

Life in the care of the Shepherd Part 3

Psalm 23:4

4 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.

**TWO IMPORTANT FACTS ABOUT A DARK VALLEY IN LIFE**

1. A DARK VALLEY IS INEVITABLE IN LIFE.

John 16:33b

33 …In this world you will have trouble…

Genesis 12:10.

10 Now there was a famine in the land, and Abram went down to Egypt to live there for a while because the famine was severe.

2. A DARK VALLEY IS TEMPORARY.

1 John 2:17

17 The world and its desires pass away…

Genesis 50:24 and 25

24 Then Joseph said to his brothers, "I am about to die. But God will surely come to your aid and take you up out of this land to the land he promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob."

25 And Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath and said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up from this place."

Exodus 13:19.

19 Moses took the bones of Joseph with him because Joseph had made the sons of Israel swear an oath. He had said, "God will surely come to your aid, and then you must carry my bones up with you from this place."

**WHAT DO I NEED TO DO WHEN I WALK THROUGH A DARK VALLEY?**

**- I need to be determined not to fear any evil in the situation.**

Genesis 12:13

13 Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you."

Genesis 31:29, 31

29 (Laban said) I have the power to harm you; but last night the God of your father said to me, 'Be careful not to say anything to Jacob, either good or bad.'

31 Jacob answered Laban, "I was afraid, because I thought you would take your daughters away from me by force.

1 Samuel 21:13

13 So he (David) pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.

All these heroes in the Old Testament learned a very important lesson as they went through their dark valleys in life. The lesson is:

**Don’t fear any evil**

**when walking through a dark valley.**

**TWO IMPORTANT SPIRITUAL TRUTHS THAT WE MUST REMEMBER INTENTIONALLY WHEN WE WALK THROUGH THE DARK VALLEYS IN LIFE**

1. JESUS IS WITH ME.

Isaiah 41:10

10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

2 Corinthians 5:7

7 We live by faith, not by sight.

2. JESUS COMFORTS ME WITH HIS GRACE AND TRUTH.

John 14:27

27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Joshua 1:9

9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."