## "Psalm 23: God's Prescription For Stressed People"

Sunday, November 19, 2023 @ 10:30am | Worship Center

## God's Prescription for Dark Valleys!

**Psalm 23:4**: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me."

Life is a mixture of pain and pleasure, of victory and defeat, of success and failure, of mountain tops and valleys.

## How do I handle the dark valleys of life?

- I. What to remember in Dark Valleys
  - Valleys are inevitable. John 16:33
  - Valleys are <u>unpredictable</u>. Jeremiah 4:20
  - Valleys are <u>impartial</u>. Matthew 5: 45 (LB)
  - Valleys are temporary. 1 Peter 1:6 (LB); 2 Corinthians 4:17
  - Valleys are purposeful. 1 Peter 1:6b-7

## Every problem has a purpose. Faith is built in the valleys of life.

- II. What to do in the Dark Valleys
  - Refuse to be discouraged. Colossians 1:11
  - Remember that God is with me. Isaiah 43:2
  - Rely on God's protection and guidance.

"...I walk <u>through</u> the valley of the <u>shadow</u> of death...Your <u>rod</u> and <u>staff</u>, they comfort me..." *Psalm 34:19* 

Believers and non- believers go through the same valleys of life, The difference for the Christian is not the absence of the shadow but the presence of the Shepherd. God is with you!