

Fifth Sunday in Eastertide

May 18, 2025

SERMON SERIES
Victory in the Valleys of Life

TODAY'S SERMON
"A Shepherd in the Valley"

Psalm 23
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

- ¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- ² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
³ he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.
- ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I 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 goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

Sermon Notes

What do we do when life tumbles in? How should we respond to the difficulties of life? Is there a bridge over trouble water?

The writer of this famous psalm makes it clear that the psalmist knew what it was to walk through a dark valley. Yet in doing so, he reassures us about God's presence in some very important ways:

1) God Is _____ the Darkest Valley.

2) God Can _____ the Darkest Valley.

3) God Will _____ the Darkest Valley.

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