

DARK VALLEY, BRIGHT HOPE

“Don’t Give The Enemy A Seat At Your Table” - Part 5

“The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. 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 staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.” *Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV)*

“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 (ESV)*

Seasons may change - but my Faith remains!

GOD’S TRUTH ABOUT DARK VALLEYS:

1. They are _____.

“The righteous person faces many troubles, but the Lord comes to the rescue each time.” *Psalm 34:19 (NLT)*

2. They are _____.

“Even when I walk through the darkest valley...” *Psalm 23:4 (NLT)*

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

3. They have _____.

“For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever!” *2 Corinthians 4:17 (NLT)*

God wants to build my _____.

HOW DO I FIND HOPE IN THE DARK VALLEYS?

1. REFUSE TO BE _____.

“...I will fear no evil...” *Psalm 23:4 (ESV)*

How do I choose to not be discouraged?

I focus on _____ instead of _____.

“We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy.” *Colossians 1:11 (NLT)*

2. REMEMBER _____.

“...For you are with me...” *Psalm 23:4 (ESV)*

“And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God’s love...” *Romans 8:38 (NLT)*

We come face to face with God in the dark valleys of life!

3. RELY ON GOD’S _____.

“...Your Rod and Staff comfort me...” *Psalm 23:4 (ESV)*

David walked through the valley of the SHADOW of death!

Shadows are always bigger than the reality!

Shadows cannot hurt you!

There is no shadow without a light somewhere!

“I am the Light of the World.” - Jesus (John 8:12)

COACH BROCK BIBLE CHALLENGE:
