

## Sermon Notes

### VALLEYS

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#### 1 Kings 20:28

The man of God came up and told the king of Israel, "This is what the Lord says: 'Because the Arameans think the Lord is a god of the hills and not a god of the valleys, I will deliver this vast army into your hands, and you will know that I am the Lord.'" (NIV)

#### Difference between Mountains and Valleys

- Mountains symbolize moments of high achievement, joy victory (i.e. Mountain-top experience).
- Valleys symbolize dark times, rough times, times of hardship and struggles, low points in our lives.

What do we know about Valleys?

#### Psalm 23:4

**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.**

- No one is exempt. Valleys are inevitable. (1 Peter 4:12-17)
- Valleys are unpredictable. (John 16:33) not a matter of **it but** a matter of **when**
- Valleys are temporary. (Psalm 23:4) "walk **through** the valley"
- Valleys have a purpose. God never **wastes** our pain. (Romans 8:28)

"Mountains are for views and inspiration, but fruit grows in the valleys."

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"Mountaintops inspire leaders, but valleys mature them."

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What leads us to the Valleys? How do we get there?

- Personal Factors
- Outside Forces
- Divine Appointments

#### Three Valleys

- Valley of Rephaim/Valley of Giants (2 Samuel 5:17-18)
- Valley of Baca/Valley of Tears (Psalm 84:6)
- Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-10)

#### Conclusion

Remember when in the Valley:

- "God is the God of the mountains and valleys" speaks to His **Controlling** power, sovereignty.
- "God can transform your tears into springs of joy" speaks to His **Transforming** power.
- "God can make dead things rise" speaks to His **Resurrection** power.