

Quiet Time #19 “For You are with Me”

Here is a study over a Psalm of Davids, who God says was “a man after my own heart” (Acts 13:22)
Context before the scripture I’d like to focus on today...

Psalm 23:1-3

Vs1... “The LORD is my Shepherd”

Vs2... “he leads me”

Vs3... “he refreshes my soul” ... “He guides me along the right paths”

Psalm 23:4

4“Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,[Ⓜ]

1.) The Unknown

- The darkest valley is referred to as “the valley of the shadow of death”
- God will lead us in Seasons where we have no control and the unknown is real.
- These moments truly show us who God is, we can also be experiencing today anger towards the outcome of school, frustration on what plans we may have been making, now canceled ... you could be asking yourselves questions like (God isn’t doing what a good God would do or even, I didn’t get the best outcome in this situation)
- God might be exposing to us today the “darkest valley” but we see in (Psalm 23:3) “He guides me along the right paths” that the paths we all are on today are leading to change, but that God leads us on the right path.

Q: Can God lead you through a moment or season of deep darkness and are you still fully believing that it is good and completely trusting his path today?

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.”

2.) Fear

- David fears no evil, walking in confidence and is aware of who his Shepherd is. (Psalm 23:1)
- David says leading up to Vs.4 multiple times the words of “he leads, he refreshes, and he guides” as we see in Vs 4 “for *you* are with me” the word “you” shows that God was right beside him in the valley... and in response David didn’t fear anything on this path.
- In the end of this scripture, “your rod and your staff” is mentioned and in this time, shepherds used rods and staffs on the sheep.
- The Rod was used to protect, and the end of the staff was used to bring back the sheep that wandered showing the idea of concern. David was comforted by this in that the rod and staff was ALL Power and ALL Good.
- David knew the power and compassion of God.

Q: Do you have an awareness that you aren’t alone, we don’t have to walk this valley alone.

Q: What area in your life do you fear and haven’t surrendered to God to protect and lead today?

3.) Patience

- In the beginning of Vs.4 “Even though I walk” ... shows that David wasn’t in a hurry to get through the valley, he trusted God with the pace.
- Sometimes we need the valleys to be refreshed and reminded of how great God is today!

Q: During today’s valley are you drawing closer and trusting God’s timing? (Hebrews 10:22)

- I hope today we can not only draw closer to God but wait patiently and trust that God is with you in this valley today and is always leading us on the right path.

Love you guys! - Tyler