PSALM 23 | THE LORD PROTECTS ME WAVE CHURCH SD | MARCH 6, 2022

Psalm 23:4 (ESV) 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.

THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH IS A REAL PLACE

John 10:10-18 (ESV) ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. ¹¹ I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

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UNCERTAINTY THAT EVOKES FEAR

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LIFE WITH GOD IS THE <u>SAFEST</u> PLACE WE CAN BE

THE LORD WHO WALKS WITH US IN THE VALLEY

HAS ALREADY BEEN THROUGH IT HIMSELF

John 16:33 (ESV) I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Mark 14:35 (ESV) My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death.

THE PLACES WHERE WE FEAR THE MOST ARE

THE PLACES WHERE GOD'S LOVE WILL INVADE

1 John 4:16-18 (NLT) ¹⁶ God is love, and all who live in love live in God, and God lives in them. ¹⁷ And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid on the day of judgment, but we can face him with confidence because we live like Jesus here in this world. ¹⁸ Such love has no fear, **because perfect love expels all fear.**

THE PRESENCE OF GOD MAKES US CONFIDENT NOT COURAGEOUS

1 Samuel 17:32-37, 45-47 (NLT) ³² "Don't worry about this Philistine," David told Saul. "I'll go fight him!" ³³ "Don't be ridiculous!" Saul replied. "There's no way you can fight this Philistine and possibly win! You're only a boy, and he's been a man of war since his youth." ³⁴ But David persisted. "I have been taking care of my father's sheep and goats," he said. "When a lion or a bear comes to steal a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I go after it with a club and rescue the lamb from its mouth. If the animal turns on me, I catch it by the jaw and club it to death. ³⁶ I have done this to both lions and bears, and I'll do it to this pagan Philistine, too, for he has defied the armies of the living God! ³⁷ The LORD who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!" Saul finally consented. "All right, go ahead," he said. "And may the LORD be with you!" ... ⁴⁵ David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶ This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷ All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

James 2:19-22 (NLT) ¹⁹ You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. ²⁰ How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? ²¹ Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²² You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete.

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GOD WILL COMFORT US UNTIL OUR FEARS ARE NO MORE

OUR HOPE IN TIMES OF DARKNESS IS THE PRESENCE OF GOD,

NOT THE <u>RESOLUTION</u> OF OUR CIRCUMSTANCES

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CONNECT SUNDAY | Mar. 27th

Let's bring on Spring, and do it with Tacos! We are all craving fellowship with one another, so we are looking forward to a Connect Sunday after church on March 27th! Please join us to meet new people, enjoy our Wave family, and have some yummy tacos!

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