

DEALING WITH DARK VALLEYS
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I. FIRST, THERE ARE SOME THINGS ABOUT DARK VALLEYS WE NEED TO KNOW.

- A. First, dark valleys are inevitable—**John 16:33b**—“...In this world you will have trouble...”
- B. Second, dark valleys are diverse--“**the valley of deep darkness**”.
- C. Third, dark valleys are unpredictable.
- D. Fourth, dark valleys are impartial—**Matt. 5:45**—“... He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.”
- E. Fifth, dark valleys are temporary--“**through**”.
- F. Sixth, dark valleys are purposeful.

II. WHAT CAN WE DO WHEN WE’RE WALKING THROUGH A DARK VALLEY?

- A. First, we must decide not to become discouraged.-- “**I will fear no evil**” and **Col.1:11**.
- B. Second, remember that God is with us--“**for you are with me**” and **Isa., 43:2**.
- C. Third, rely on God’s protection and guidance--“**Your rod and your staff, they comfort me**” and **Proverbs 3:5-6**.