



MESSAGE NOTES

Date: August 30th, 2020

Speaker: Pastor Brandon Turk

Title: Courage & Comfort

Key Scriptures:

Psalm 23:1-6

Psalm 23:4

Romans 5:3-5

James 1:2-4

John 16:32-33

1 John 4:1-4

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Isaiah 41:8-10

2 Timothy 4:16-18

2 Timothy 1:8-12

2 Peter 1:19

Psalm 143:8-10

1. As We Walk Through The Darkest Valley
2. To Walk Without Fear
3. In The Shepherd's Presence
4. Because The Shepherd Guards & Guides

Discussion Guide

(for use individually, as a family or in your small group)

Begin by reading Psalm 23:1-6 together. Focus specifically on verse 4.
Discuss any insights or observations you have from this week's message or from the scripture passages shared? Did anything stand out to you?

- What comes to mind when you hear the phrase, "valley of the shadow of death" or "deep darkness"? What experience have you witnessed in your life or in others that would fit that phrase?
- Read Romans 5:1-5, and James 1:2-4, and John 16:32-33. Based on these passages, does suffering seem like an optional experience for Christians in the world? What is the purpose of suffering?
- Are deep valleys still the "right paths" that the Shepherd leads us through? How do you usually respond to those valleys? Why?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:8-12. How does God's presence remove our fear of evil or danger? How could a deeper focus on His presence change the way we respond to difficult times?
- In what ways should your faith in Christ be strengthened by the truth that He, the creator of the world, cares for you?

Discuss any further insights together and close in prayer.