

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Psalm 23:4 KJV

Still Walking

The Valley Experience

"Know ye that the LORD he *is* God: *it is* he *that* hath made us, and not we ourselves; *we are* his people, and the sheep of his pasture." Psalm 100:3 - KJV



"The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." John 10:2-5 NIV

Ask yourself this question:

Why do sheep (we) have to go to and through the valley?



Point #1:

Accept the reality of your valley experiences

"These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." John 16:33 KJV "Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy." James 1:2 NLT "The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives. Though they stumble, they will never fall, for the LORD holds them by the hand." Psalm 37: 23-24 NLT

Lessons learned while in the valley:

• Who your true friends are

• Who you really are

• Who God truly is

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Philippians 3:10 KJV

Point #2:

Announce your response to your valley experiences

Your response hinges upon doing these three things:

- Walking
- Not fearing
- Going through

"...the race *is* not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong." Ecclesiastes 9:11

"But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved." Matthew 24:13 KJV "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of Love, and of a sound mind."
2 Timothy 1:7 KJV

"Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12 KJV

Point #3:

Acknowledge your resources in the valley

In the valley God provides:

• His presence

• His protection

• His power

• His promise