

Bay City Wesleyan Church
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Yea, Though I Walk Through the Valley: Facing Change with Hope and
Courage

Life is full of changes, but we can go through them with Jesus.

PART THREE: Jesus Knows the Way through the Wilderness

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We lose our way on a trip for a variety of reasons. We don't have any reference points to help us locate our exact place. We can see signs, but they don't help because we've never been to this area before. It's all new to us. Sometimes our lives are like that.

Where is Jesus on the darkest days of my life?

Psalm 23:1-6 Haines Paraphrase

(based on the Bible in Basic English, NET, NIV, NLT, AMP, and The Message)

The Lord is my shepherd.
He takes care of me,
so I will not be without any good thing.

He lets me rest in lush green meadows.
He leads me to peaceful pools for me to drink from.
He refreshes and gives new life to my soul.
He guides me along the right paths bringing honor to his name.

Even when I must walk through the dark valley of the shadow of death,
I will not fear any danger or evil, for you are close beside me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the plain sight of my haters.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only your goodness, blessing, mercy and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will dwell as your welcome guest in your holy home forever.

Sermon in a Sentence:

Jesus knows the way through every wilderness.

He knows the way through every dark, scary valley. He knows the way to every lush green meadow and peaceful pool. Jesus knows the way along every path of righteousness, peace, and joy. Jesus is your shepherd and he will always be with you - even when you think he's lost.

2 Corinthians 11:24-27 NLT

<small>24</small> Five different times the Jewish leaders gave me thirty-nine lashes. <small>25</small> Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked. Once I spent a whole night and a day adrift at sea. <small>26</small> I have traveled on many long journeys. I have faced danger from rivers and from robbers. I have faced danger from my own people, the Jews, as well as from the Gentiles. I have faced danger in the cities, in the deserts, and on the seas. And I have faced danger from men who claim to be believers but are not. <small>27</small> I have worked hard and long, enduring many sleepless nights. I have been hungry and thirsty and have often gone without food. I have shivered in the cold, without enough clothing to keep me warm.

<https://bible.com/bible/116/2co.11.24-27.nlt>

Are you on unfamiliar ground in your life?

Are you ready to experience the comfort, courage, and hope that Jesus's presence brings?

Reflect on the unfamiliar ground in your life now.

What makes this new season uncomfortable for you?

What remains the same in this unfamiliar situation?

On a scale of 0 to 10, how strong is your trust in Jesus in this new time? (ZERO = not trusting him at all and TEN = no doubts, no questions)

What were your reasons for not choosing a lower number?

What does your answer reveal about how you measure Jesus's love for you?

Reject the lie that equates Jesus's love and presence with feeling comfortable.

Receive the truth about Jesus. He is the Great Shepherd who will never leave nor forsake you.