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## **“Shepherd” (5)**

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” (John 16:33 NLT)

### **Dark Path to Desirable Destination**

**Psalm 23:4(a)** – “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”

### **Salvation & Undulation**

**Psalm 77:19-20** – (19) “Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen. (20) You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.”

**Mark 16:16** – “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.”

### **David’s Depression & Exaltation**

**Psalm 18:4-6, 16** – (4) “The cords of death encompassed me; the torrents of destruction assailed me; (5) the cords of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. (6) In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. (16) He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters.”

### **Jesus’ Journey/Our Journey**

**1 Peter 3:18-19** – (18) “For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, (19) in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison,”

**John 16:28** – “I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”

**John 20:17** – “Jesus said to her, ‘Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

## **The Death Overhang**

**2 Samuel 14:14** – “We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again...”

**Hebrews 9:27** – “And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,”

## **Avoidance & Acceptance**

**Acts 24:25-26** – (25) “And as (Paul) reasoned about righteousness and self-control and the coming judgment, Felix was alarmed and said, ‘Go away for the present. When I get an opportunity I will summon you.’ (26) At the same time he hoped that money would be given him by Paul. So he sent for him often and conversed with him.”

**2 Peter 1:13-14** – (13) “Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, (14) knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.” (NKJV)

## **God is with Me**

**Psalms 46:1** – “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

**Isaiah 43:2** – “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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