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“Valley Peace”

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me...”

(Psalm 23:4)

Pace

Genesis 33:12-14 – (12) “Then Esau said, ‘Let us journey on our way, and I will go ahead of you.’ (13) But Jacob said to him, ‘My lord knows that the children are frail, and that the nursing flocks and herds are a care to me. If they are driven hard for one day, all the flocks will die. (14) Let my lord pass on ahead of his servant, and I will lead on slowly, at the pace of the livestock that are ahead of me and at the pace of the children...”

Isaiah 28:16 – “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, ‘Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’”

2 Corinthians 5:6-8 – (6) “So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, (7) for we walk by faith, not by sight. (8) Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

Progress

Psalms 84:5-7 – (5) “Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. (6) As they go through the Valley of Baca (*weeping*) they make it a place of springs; the early rain also covers it with pools. (7) They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.”

Hebrews 12:2 – “Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Psalm 119:67, 71 – (67) “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word. (71) It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes.”

Hebrews 12:11 – “No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it’s painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way.” (NLT)

Romans 5:3-4 – (3) “Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, (4) and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,”

Presence

2 Timothy 4:16-17 – (16) “At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! (17) **But the Lord stood by me** and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion’s mouth.”

Psalm 16:9-11 – (9) “Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. (10) For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. (11) You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Matthew 28:20 – “...And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Luke 24:49 – “And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

John 14:18 – “I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.”

Praise

Job 1:20-21 – (20) “Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head and fell on the ground and worshiped. (21) And he said, ‘Naked I came from my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; **blessed be the name of the LORD.**’”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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