

# SHARPEN THE POINT

For further study of the message.

The Darkest Valley | Part 1

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When God gets us alone in a valley, He begins to teach us! Whether we fall, are pushed, pulled, or jump in, we are never alone if we remain faithful in our obedience and refuse to be independent – when we walk through the valley with God. Begin your study by reading Psalm 23.

Read and compare Genesis 3:16-17 and Romans 8:20-23. What situations have caused you the most pain and groaning? How have you fallen into a valley?

We are pushed or pulled into the valley in many ways. Read Romans 1. How does this speak to ways in which you may have been collateral damage because of someone else?

Refer to James 4:1-10 to see some of the ways we choose the valley – knowingly or not – on our own. Then read Hebrews 12:1-13 for ways to avoid those behaviors/attitudes. What changes do you need to make?

Sometimes God takes us through a valley for the Kingdom's sake. When do you think you have suffered in order to grow in Christ? Explain.

*"The LORD is my shepherd;  
I have all that I need."*

Psalm 23:1 (NLT)