



PRE-SERMON NOTES:

Baptism Class | Sunday, August 31 | 11:30 AM in The Gathering Place

21 Days of Prayer | August 3-23, 2025

6:00AM Prayer Services | Monday-Friday

9:00AM Saturday Morning Prayer

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Psalm 23:4

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

NOTES:

Even though I walk...

- { _____ } are not optional – they are { _____ }.

NOTES:

1.) The { _____ } is not the end – it's part of the { _____ }.

NOTES:

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

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2nd Corinthians 4:17

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

NOTES:

- The best route to the top of the next mountain is { _____ }.

NOTES:

2.) { _____ } comes from God's presence, not the absence of { _____ }.

NOTES:

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;...

- Fear loses its { _____ } when we surrender to the { _____ } that God has for our lives.

NOTES:

“God with you > perfect circumstances without Him.”

NOTES:

“A scary process can lead to a saving progress.”

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3.) God’s tools bring { _____ } – not { _____ }.

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- { _____ } and { _____ }

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Revelation 3:19

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline.

NOTES:

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

NOTES:

- We have to surrender to the { _____ } and allow it to { _____ }.

NOTES:

- { _____ } and { _____ }

NOTES:

Two Main Uses of the Staff

1.) Draw sheep together into an {_____}

NOTES:

Two Main Uses of the Staff

2.) To {_____} along

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Hebrews 13:5-6

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” 6 So we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

NOTES:

- You will walk through {_____}.

NOTES:

John 16:33

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

NOTES:

- You don't have to {_____}.

NOTES:

Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

NOTES:

- You can be comforted by His {_____} and {_____}.

NOTES:

John 16:7

But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengtheners, Standby) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him (the Holy Spirit) to you [to be in close fellowship with you].

NOTES:

1. Don't {_____}.
2. Share your {_____}.

3. Ask for {_____}.

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