

GOD *With* US

MESSAGE NOTES

...IN THE VALLEY

God with Us

Sunday, December 6 | Tommy Duke
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“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which is translated, ‘God with us.’” – Matthew 1:23

- **THE PICTURE AT CHRISTMAS IS THAT OF THE INCARNATION, OR**
_____.

“The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood. We saw the glory with our own eyes, the one-of-a-kind glory, like Father, like Son, generous inside and out, true from start to finish.” – John 1:14 (The Message)

- **SCRIPTURE PROMISES THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US:**

- **IN THE** _____
- **IN THE** _____
- _____

“Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion.” – Psalm 84:5-7

AS I PASS THROUGH THE VALLEYS OF LIFE, I MUST:

1. **REMEMBER THAT** _____.

“Blessed is the man whose strength is in You...” – Psalm 84:5

“And He said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

– 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

2. _____ ON THE THINGS OF GOD.

“What joy for those whose strength comes from the Lord, who have set their minds on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem.” – Psalm 84:5 (NLT)

“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” – Colossians 3:2

3. REMIND MYSELF THAT I’M _____.

“As they pass through the Valley of Baca...” – Psalm 84:6

Memory Verse:

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.” – Psalm 23:4

4. RESPOND WITH _____ AND TRUST IN _____.

“As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring;” – Psalm 84:6

5. REST IN THE FACT THAT _____.

“Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.” – Psalm 139:7-10

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Psalm 23:4.
- Intentionally focus my thoughts on the things of God, in spite of my circumstances.
- Respond to my valley with an act of faith this week.
- Pray for and invite someone to join us for Movie Night next Sunday, December 13, at 6:00pm.

NEXT WEEK:

GOD WITH US... In the Wilderness

