



Lessons Learned in the Valley

2 Samuel 12:13-25 Part Two

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- Nobody enjoys the valleys of life, but life is not a continuous mountaintop experience - not even for the believer. A Christian has his share of struggles, heartaches, and valleys just like everybody else.
- You may be in a valley right now. Let's look at David and the lessons he learned while in the valley, and allow these things to help us and encourage us today.

First lesson learned – there are consequences when I _____ God. vs. 13-15

Second lesson learned – _____ to God can come through the valleys. vs. 16-17

Third lesson learned – God may deliver you _____ the valley rather than _____ of the valley. vs. 18-19

- *“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.” Romans 8:26*
- We say, “God, get me **out** of the valley.” God says, “No, I’ll give you my strength and grace to walk _____ the valley.”
- *“For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:8-10*

Fourth lesson learned – God gives His _____ to endure the valleys of life. vs. 20-23

- Instead of focusing on what he lost, David focused on the _____ of God.
- *“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”*
1 Corinthians 10:13
- God is faithful, and God makes the believer able to handle these valleys without _____ apart under the load.
- *“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.”* **2 Corinthians 9:8**

Fifth lesson learned – God is the God of all _____ in the valleys. vs. 24-25

- *“Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all _____; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of _____. For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.”* **2 Corinthians 1:3-5**