Victory Connect Lesson The God of The Mountains and The Valleys Pastor Paul Daugherty August 25, 2024

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- **2.** The Lord will walk with us <u>through</u> the dark valleys. Psa 23:4 KJV Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou [art] with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- **3.** We need to listen to heaven's voice on the mountain. Mat 17:5 KJV While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.
- 4. Sometimes you will only have Jesus with you.

Mat 17:8 KJV - And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

5. We are called to carry the glow of the mountain top vision into the valley of everyday human needs.

Mat 28:16, 18-20 NIV - Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, **to the mountain** where Jesus had told them to go. ... Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What do you hear God saying to you?
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