

# THE BEAUTIFUL NEXT



## Part 7: God Is Faithful.

Proverbs 4:18-19

18The path of the righteous is like the morning sun,  
shining ever brighter till the full light of day.

19But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness;  
they do not know what makes them stumble.

Lamentations 3:19-25

19I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
the bitterness and the gall.

20I well remember them,  
and my soul is downcast within me.

21Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:

22Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.

23They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

24I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."

25The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him,  
to the one who seeks him;

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### Message notes:

Where the Shepherd leads, you don't make a zip code out of the valley of the shadow of death. You don't make a zip code out of a place of \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.

Have that confidence that if you follow Jesus, your path is going to get brighter and brighter. It doesn't mean it's less \_\_\_\_\_.

The beautiful next is not a promise that there won't be darkness and pain. It means though that God's \_\_\_\_\_ will not be stopped by the powers of evil.

I don't feel it, I don't see it, I can't explain it, but I know God's going to get me through this. I have \_\_\_\_\_.

It's going to be beautiful. Because we're going to wake up to \_\_\_\_\_.

Don't ever stop hearing the birds sing. Don't stop seeing the sunset, sunrise. Don't stop looking at the sky and appreciating the \_\_\_\_\_.

Hang on for the beautiful next because God is \_\_\_\_\_.

### Additional notes:

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### Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jamie said, "One of the greatest gifts you'll ever give to anybody is the gift of hope." What's the difference between superficial religious encouragement and genuine, faith-filled hope?
2. Think of someone in your life who needs encouragement right now. What would it look like to speak genuine hope into their situation this week?
3. The message contrasts green pastures with the valley of the shadow of death in Psalm 23. How do you avoid making a 'zip code' out of your valley seasons instead of walking through them?
4. In what ways have you experienced your walk with Christ being 'all over the map' rather than a straight line, and how does that reality affect your understanding of spiritual growth?
5. Pastor Jamie mentions that in deep pain we cannot see, hear, or feel beauty. What spiritual disciplines or practices help restore your ability to notice God's mercies when we are suffering?

### Ministry Time:

Pray for anyone struggling to heal from past pain. Ask the Spirit to help them experience God's new mercies each morning and notice His "winks" of grace in daily life.

Go around the circle and have each person complete this sentence prayer: "Lord, I need to trust Your faithfulness in the area of \_\_\_\_\_." Close by praying over the group, asking God to help everyone embrace the beautiful next He has for them.