



## ***Living Beyond Yourself Through the Ministry of the Valley***

### **Psalms 84:5-8**

*“Some scholars believe that this is an actual valley that those who were on a spiritual pilgrimage had to walk through. Characteristically hot, dry, and overladen with trees that look like our willow trees.”*

#### **Valley’s Teach Us the Deep Truths of Life**

*“Deep things are intriguing. Deep Jungles. Deep water. Deep caves and canyons. Deep thoughts and conversations. There is nothing like depth to make us dissatisfied with superficial, shallow things.”*

**- Charles Swindoll**

#### **I. There are provisions we must carry into the valley.**

A. We must carry the strength of the Lord into the valley.

*“We must carry the strength of the Lord in order to take the impact of the valley.”*

**Psalms 84:5 *Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;***

B. We must carry the strategies of the Lord into the valley.

**Psalms 84:5 . . . *in whose heart are the ways of them.***

## II. There is the purpose we must discover in the valley.

- A. We must remember the purpose of making it through the valley.

**Psalms 84:6** *Who passing through the valley of Baca*

*“The greatest tool of the Devil in the valley is the power of discontentment.”*

**Hebrews 12:15** *Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;*

### **Serenity Prayer**

*God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;  
the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.*

**- Reinhold Niebuhr**

- B. We must remember the purpose of making a well in the valley.

**Psalms 84:6 . . . make it a well;**

### **THANK YOU FOR THE VALLEY**

*Thank you for the valley, I walked through today.*

*The darker the valley, the more I learn to pray.*

*I found you where the lilies are blooming by the way.*

*And I thank you for the valley, I walked through today.*

**- Dottie Rambo**

*“Paul made a well in a jail! Elijah made a well under a Juniper Tree!  
Moses made a well in the middle of the Red Sea!”*

## III. There is the providence we must carry from the valley.

- A. It is in the providence of God to strengthen the struggling while in the valley.

**Psalms 84:6 . . . *the rain also filleth the pools.***

*“Compassion matters to God. This is the time for service, not self-centeredness.  
Cancel the pity party. Love the people God brings to you.”*

**- Max Lucado**

B. It is in the providence of God to strengthen our stamina while in the valley.

**Psalms 84:7 *They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God.***

**Psalms 84:8 *O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah.***

*“To men and women of faith, the Lord is all they need. He is to them what the sun is to our universe — the source of life and light. Without the sun, life would vanish from the earth, and without God, we would have neither physical life nor spiritual life.”*

**- Warren W. Wiersbe**