

James 1:2–4 (NKJV) — "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing."





Psalm 84:5–8 (NKJV) — "Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. 6 As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. 7 They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion. 8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; Give ear, O God of Jacob! Selah"



### **Psalm 84 is About Journeying to the Tabernacle**

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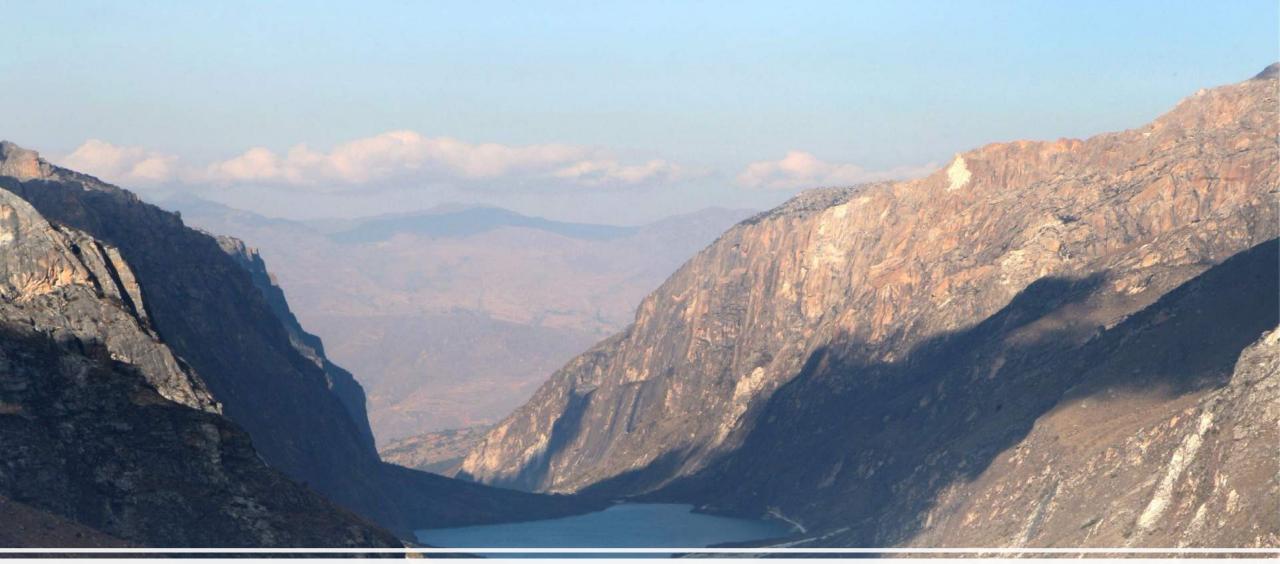
- (HEB) "weeping"
- Hard and difficult to pass through
- Not an easy road to walk on

**Psalm 13:1–2 (NLT)** — "O LORD, how long will you forget me? Forever? How long will you look the other way? 2 How long must I struggle with anguish in my soul, with sorrow in my heart every day? How long will my enemy have the upper hand?"

**Psalm 31:9 (NLT)** — "Have mercy on me, LORD, for I am in distress. Tears blur my eyes. My body and soul are withering away."

**Psalm 30:5 (NLT)** — "For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime! Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning."

**Romans 8:18 (NLT)** — "Yet what we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will reveal to us later."



# Valleys are a Part of the Christian Experience

# 02 - VALLEY OF TEARS

# 1. Set My Mind and Heart to Break Out



# Setting Your Heart/Mind:

- Not settling until reaching the Lord
- Not living as a victim
- Not living in a Valley of Tears
- Not being defined by pain in life

**Genesis 32:26 (NKJV)** — "And He said, 'Let Me go, for the day breaks.' But he said, 'I will not let You go unless You bless me!"

# Jacob Wouldn't Let Go Until God Blessed Him

# Do you SETTLE way before you meet with God?

**Romans 8:5 (NKJV)** — "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit."

**Colossians 3:1–2 (NKJV) —** "If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. **2 Set your mind** on things above, not on things on the earth."

**1 Peter 1:13 (NKJV)** — "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind (NIV 'prepare your minds for action'), be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ"

**1 Chronicles 22:19 (NKJV)** — "Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God."



When you set your mind on something, the Devil will try to distract you.



2. I Need to Dig a Well

**Psalm 84:6 (NKJV)** — "As they pass through the Valley of Baca, They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools."

**Psalm 84:6 (KJV)** — "Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; The rain also filleth the pools."

# Don't Give Up – DIG A WELL!!!

"And in that day (when you are passing through the valley of weeping) you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; Though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation (when you are passing through the valley of weeping)." 3 Therefore with joy you will draw water

#### Isaiah 12:1-6 (NKJV)

From the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day (when you are passing through the valley of weeping) you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; Declare His deeds among the peoples, Make mention that His name is exalted. 5 Sing to the LORD, (when you are passing through the valley of weeping) For He has done excellent things; This is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!" Isaiah 12:1-6 (NKJV)



# **Common Thread in Isaiah 12**

- I will **PRAISE**...
- I will TRUST...
- I will CALL ON HIS NAME...
- I will GIVE MY TESTIMONY...

• I will MAKE MENTION OF THE LORD'S NAME...

**Psalm 19:14 (NKJV)** — "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer."

**Psalm 141:3 (NKJV)** — "Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips."

**Proverbs 10:19 (NLT)** — "Too much talk leads to sin. Be sensible and keep your mouth shut."

**Proverbs 13:3 (NLT)** — "Those who control their **tongue** will have a long life; opening **your mouth** can ruin everything."

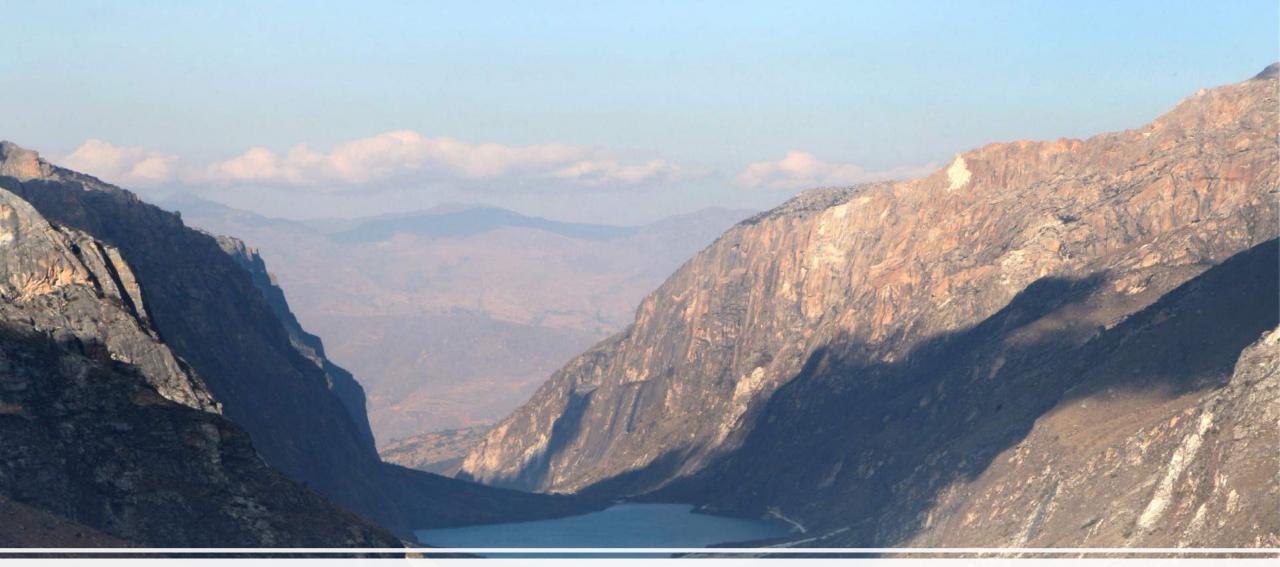
**Proverbs 18:21 (NLT)** — "The **tongue** can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences."

Proverbs 21:23 (NLT) — "Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble."

Matthew 15:11 (NLT) — "It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth."

**Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)** — "Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything **you say** be good and helpful, so that **your words** will be an encouragement to those who hear them." James 3:3–6 (NLT) — "We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. 4 And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. 5 In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. 6 And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself."

1 Peter 3:10 (NLT) — "For the Scriptures say, 'If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies."



## **Getting Out of Valleys Requires Praise & Worship**

**Psalm 66:1 (KJV 1900)** — "Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands"

**Psalm 81:1 (NKJV)** — "Sing aloud to God our strength; Make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob."

**Psalm 95:1 (NKJV)** — "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation." **Psalm 95:2 (NKJV)** — "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms."

**Psalm 98:4 (NKJV)** — "Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises."

**Psalm 98:6 (NKJV)** — "With trumpets and the sound of a horn; Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King."

**Psalm 100:1 (NKJV)** — "Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!"

**Isaiah 12:6 (NKJV)** — "Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, For great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

John 4:14 (NKJV) — "but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

# SPRING UP, ONELL,

Numbers 21:17 (NLT) — "There the Israelites sang this song: 'Spring up, O well! Yes, sing its praises!'"

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### 3. I Need to Lean on the Lord

**Psalm 121:1–2 (NKJV) —** "I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? **2** My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth."

**Isaiah 40:31 (NKJV)** — "But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint."



# "wait"

- (HEB) "qawa"
- to be attached to
- to gather to



**Psalm 84:7 (NKJV)** — "They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion."

