

## **GOD WITH US:**

### ***In The Valley***

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You're not alone. He's with you through the pain. He comforts you in the waiting. When you're anxious about your future, He gives you courage. As you climb the mountain, He keeps you safe in His arms. In every moment, we have God With Us.

It's easy to find hope in God on the mountaintop. This week, we will discover how to find hope in God In the Valley also.

**"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). – Matthew 1:23**

**Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.  
As they pass through the Valley of Baka,  
they make it a place of springs;  
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.  
They go from strength to strength,  
till each appears before God in Zion.**

**– Psalm 85:5-7**

#### **Questions:**

- On a scale of 1 to 10, how much do you think and live like God is always with you? Explain.
- Pastor Augie talked about how we get to know God in the valleys. What have you learned about God in a valley?
- God is with you. How can you draw near to Him during this season of your life?

**Memory Verse:** "Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage." – Psalm 84:5

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If 2020 was a bag of chips



**IF 2020**



**WAS A PAIR OF SHOES**



If 2020 was toilet  
paper.





**IF 2020 WAS A WATERMELON**



**IF 2020 WAS A SCENTED CANDLE...**









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whose **hearts are set** on pilgrimage.

**Set your minds** on things above, not on  
earthly things.

“whatever is true, or noble, or right,  
whatever is pure, or lovely, or admirable—if  
it’s excellent or praiseworthy—**think about**  
such things.”



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**GOD**  
*With*  
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**“if you know how to worry  
you know how to meditate”**

***- Pastor Rick Warren, Purpose  
Driven Life***

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**GOD**  
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the way is **through** the valley ...  
not out of the valley.



As they pass through the Valley of Baka,  
they make it a **place of springs**; the autumn  
rains also **cover it with pools**.

“Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And  
**as they went**, they were cleansed.

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appears before God in Zion.

A decorative graphic on the left side of the image. It features a light gray background with a pattern of stylized, geometric arrows pointing in various directions. The arrows are colored in shades of red, pink, purple, and blue. In the center of this pattern, the text "GOD" is written in a large, bold, dark red serif font. Below it, the word "With" is written in a smaller, italicized, dark red serif font. Below that, the letters "US" are written in a large, bold, dark red serif font.

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