

Making It Through the Valley

18 - Nehemiah: A Time for Restoration

Church on the Park | Sunday, 14 March 2021 | Glen Gerhauser

Text: “So I sent messengers to them, saying, ‘I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?’” -- [Nehemiah 6:3](#)

Theme: You can walk through the valley and make it out victoriously.

Intro: How can you make it through the valley? Life has many valleys of lamentation--places of deep sorrow, pain and weeping. David sings about ‘the valley of the shadow of death’ ([Psalm 23:4](#)). The sons of Korah write about ‘the valley of weeping’ ([Psalm 84:6](#), NLT; Bakah sounds like weeping in Hebrew). Joel prophesied about ‘the valley of decision’ ([Joel 3:14](#)). Moses declared that “the land into which you are about to cross [is] a land of hills and valleys” (Deu. 11:11). Yahweh brought Ezekiel into the valley of dry bones ([Ps 37:1-2](#)). Achan was executed in a place they called the ‘valley of Achor’, which means trouble or disturbance ([Josh. 7:24-26](#)). Nehemiah began and concluded his inspection of the broken down walls at night through the Valley Gate ([Neh. 2:13-15](#)). And yet, God promises: “I will open rivers on the bare heights and springs in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water and the dry land fountains of water” ([Isa. 41:18](#)).

1) V - _____ your pain and sorrow to God ([Psalm 5:1-3](#); [Psalm 13](#)).

2) A - _____ God’s resurrection life in your valley of dry bones ([Ezekiel 37:1-10](#)).

3) L - _____ for God’s _____ ([Lamentations 3:25-27](#)).

4) L - _____ to the _____ and his staff ([Psalm 23:3-4](#)).

5) E - _____ someone else ([Heb. 3:12-13](#)).

6) Y - _____ to God’s inward work ([Nehemiah 6:3](#); [2 Corinthians 2:14-15](#)).