

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We ask that if you are going to come to church in person, please let us know by **11am, Saturday**, through **EVENTBRITE.COM** or email: office@manachristianohana.org

Even in Your Deepest Valley, There is LIGHT, Kimo Hoopai, June 6, 2021

For the past six and half months, I've been walking in the valley, not making a life in the valley but actually walking through it. The only way that I've made it this far is by all of your prayers, by daily encouragement from Kahu, Zanga and others. And I believe that hanging on to the garment of Jesus Christ has kept me walking through the valley

Psalm 23:4 KJV Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

4 Steps that are helping me

1. Draw close to JESUS CHRIST **Isaiah 43: 2 NLT** When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

James 4:7-8 NIV ⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you.

2. Talk to Jesus !!!! When David got in the valley, he stopped talking ABOUT God and he started talking TO God. Have you ever noticed how the pronouns change from the first three verses to the last three in Psalm 23? The psalm opens with, "He leads, He guides, He restores," but David adjusts his language to "... for YOU are with me; YOUR rod and staff comfort me." It's no coincidence this shift happens in the valley.

Psalm 34:17-18 NIV ¹⁷The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. ¹⁸The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

3. Keep Walking The word is through — through the valley. The place of shadows is not a permanent home. When the darkness closes in and you don't know what else to do, just take the next step. Do the next thing. Hold on for a little longer. Keep walking, even if it is with a limp.

2 Corinthians 5:7 NIV For we live by faith, not by sight.

Keep walking by faith, not by sight. You can't afford to stop and analyze why you had to enter.

Survival-grade faith declares, "It is enough to know that I know the shepherd and He is guiding me for His name sake. God wouldn't lead me anywhere if it couldn't bring Him glory and me good." So Keep Walking. There is a better place. The shepherd has promised to get us there.

4. Praise Him Through the Valleys **2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NIV** ³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

In closing :**There is LIGHT even in the darkest Valley**