

FALLING FORWARD

STRUGGLING WELL MAKES ME WHOLE

The Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not be in want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³ he restores my soul.

He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in
the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:1-6

FROM JOHN'S TESTIMONY

**Don't believe the lie that
your present situation is your permanent situation.
God will either change your circumstance,
change you in the midst of it,
or both.**

**When you don't know if you have any faith left,
it's okay to hang on to someone else's.**

**In crisis, we're often tempted to isolate ourselves.
However, we struggle best when
we struggle in community.
Don't pull away!**

**As long as we have God, we have hope,
and we'll always have God.**

WE'RE MORE LIKELY TO FALL FORWARD

IF WE BELIEVE...

**... just because we find ourselves
somewhere we didn't expect to be,
it doesn't mean the Shepherd has abandoned us.
Perhaps He's led us there for a very good reason.**

**... the Shepherd's greatest provisions are
often found in the most unexpected places.**

**... the presence of our enemies should not
be interpreted as the absence of our God.**

**... one of the greatest gifts faith gives us is
an empowering perspective on our trials.**

**... there's never a day when goodness
and love aren't pursuing us.**

NEXT STEPS

Suggested Reading (available at the bookstore):

An Honest Look At A Mysterious Journey by John and Joanna Stumbo

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