

Living On The Edge

(The Beauty of Brokenness)

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***Psalms 84:5-7** “Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; each one appears before God in Zion.”*

Those who have set their hearts on a pilgrimage **WILL** pass through valleys / wilderness / winter seasons – **Gen 8:22**

- “Valley of Baca” – The valley of weeping
- Trials, death of a loved one, failures, betrayal, disappointments
- **Job 23:8-12** – Biblical sketch of a wilderness season

Don't fear the desert for it's in this place that:

- You hear God's voice and enter into deeper relationship – **Hosea 2:14-16**
- The idols of our lives are removed. We are cured from our addiction to worldliness.
- We gain an eternal perspective.
- We come face to face with our pride and insufficiency
- We learn to truly love others, to slow down and value a broken heart – **Luke 7:36-47**
- We become tethered to Him – **Deut 8:2-5**
- We are no longer satisfied with hearing Him through others, we are desperate to hear Him PERSONALLY.

*The Cross is where our faith changes from a **CONVENIENT** one to one of **CONVICTION** – Mark 8:34-35; Gal 6:14; Phil 3:17-19.*

Winter seasons can be the most intimate ones:

- It's where we say "Your loving-kindness is better than life" (**Psalms 63** – written by David in the wilderness)
- David's revelation of God in his "cave seasons" - **Psalms 34, 57, 142**
- Loyalty and faithfulness is birthed – **1 Sam 2:35**

God turns our brokenness into Springs of Life (vs 6-7)

- Messes → Messages → Messengers
- From "strength to strength", we come out in the power of the Spirit – **Luke 4:14**
- Precious dependency, we emerge leaning on our Beloved – **Song of Songs 8:5**. We experience the love that is stronger than death, more powerful than the grave (vs 6-7).

Dying to ourselves daily by embracing:

- **PRECIOUS** conviction
- **JOYFUL** repentance
- An **UNOFFENDABLE** heart