

1 ☐ Psalm 23

*“Your rod and Your staff,  
they comfort me”*

2 ☐ Keys to Overcoming the Valleys

1. Walk, don't run

2. Walk through the valley, not around it

3. Walk in confidence and courage, not  
fear and anxiety

4. Walk with God (God-dependency)

3 ☐ Shepherd's Rod

- Symbol of authority & power

1. Defensive weapon – predators

2. Warning weapon – for discipline

3. Examination tool – *“passing under the rod”*

4 ☐ Shepherd's Rod

- Symbol of God's authority & power

1. Defensive weapon – God's protection

2. Warning weapon – God's correction

3. Examination tool – heart, motives

5 ☐ Shepherd's Staff

- Symbol of compassion & guidance

1. To guide the sheep

2. To herd the sheep closer to one another

3. To rescue the sheep

6 ☐ Shepherd's Staff

- Symbol of God's compassion & guidance

- 1.To guide David's life
2. To draw David closer to God
- 3.To rescue David from danger & evil  
(Ps. 18:16, 40:2)

7 ☐ Zechariah 11

- 1.Staff called Favor – God's covenant  
with His people
2. Staff called Union – God's oneness  
with His people

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