

Walking Through the Valley of Shadows

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Numbers 20:14-21

I. Expect Detours in the Valley

A. Detours Can _____ You

1. Detours can mess with your mind. It can make you believe God has abandoned or turned against you!
 - a. This nation took a wide detour away from the path we were heading, when Sept. 11, 2001 occurred.

Jeremiah 29:11

Romans 8:28

- b. A good Bible example of this attitude comes from the apostle Paul...

Romans 11:13

2 Corinthians 11:28

Acts 24 – 26

Acts 26:28

Philippians 1:13

Philippians 4:22

Proverbs 16:9

B. Detours Can _____ You

1. There's a story in the Bible that instructs us regarding "Love at First Sight!"
 - a. Jacob took one look at Rachel and he was smitten. Then he did what all guys do – he showed off.

Genesis 29:10-11

- b. Jacob asked Rachel's father for her hand. He was willing to do *anything* to marry Rachel.

Genesis 29:18

Genesis 29:20

- c. But our fairy tale romance is coming to a detour!

Genesis 29:25-27

C. Detours Can _____ You

1. Douglas "Pete" Peterson became our 1st U.S. Ambassador to Viet-Nam in 1997.
 - a. Fact: In 1966 he was shot down over Hanoi during 67th mission & spent 7 harrowing years in prison.

Genesis 50:20

- b. A **detour** will always test your character, because it naturally breeds anger and resentment.

- c. Remember the old sit-com, "Gilligan's Island"? Each week the characters were tested . . .

CONCLUSIONS:

MEMBERS:

Psalm 11:5

GUESTS:

Mark 16:15-16