



## Advent Devotions 2022: God With Us

“Watch for this—a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Emmanuel”(Hebrew for ‘God is with us’). Matthew 1:23 (MSG)

### GOD IS WITH US IN THE VALLEY

Valleys are the low points in our life; the points in our life when we are afraid, confused, and most vulnerable. The valleys of life are unpredictable and unavoidable.

So how do we navigate the valleys of life? While in the valley, we must keep our mind fixed on God and the things above.

*“Don’t shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that’s where the action is. See things from his perspective.”* **Colossians 3:2 (MSG)**

Corrie Ten Boom personifies how one walks through the valley with eyes continually fixed on God. In 1944, during WWII, Corrie Ten Boom and her sister, Betsie, endured ten months of unimaginable suffering while imprisoned by the Nazis for their resistance work in aiding and hiding Jews. Betsie would never leave prison alive. She died in the infamous German concentration camp, Ravensbruck, in December 1944. After Corrie’s release on New Year’s Eve, due to what she would later discover was a clerical error (a week later women her age were sent to the gas chambers), Corrie devoted her life to sharing the love of Jesus around the world.

(<https://hopemommies.org/yet-i-will-praise-you-corrie-ten-boom>)

*“I’ve experienced His Presence in the deepest darkest hell that men can create ... I have tested the promises of the Bible, and believe me, you can count on them.”*

- Corrie ten Boom

Dear Lord, when I travel the valleys of life, help me keep my eyes fixed on You. I pray that during this season of Advent that I experience You in a new, fresh way as Emmanuel, ‘God with us’. In Jesus name, Amen.