

# *He leads me beside still waters*

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## *“Disappointment”*

### **LESSON 5:**

**But Jesus said unto him, “No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62)**

**But Jesus told him, “Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” (Luke 9:62 TLB)**

**Jesus responded, “Why do you keep looking back to your past and have second thoughts about following Me? If you turn back you are not fit for God’s Kingdom.” (Luke 9:62 TPT)**

(Jesus said to you) My Precious Child,

The path to maturity is paved with intense effort, and though I will ultimately lead you through to great victory, you will face disappointments along the way.

This path is also known as the high road of surrender, because it’s only as you yield and surrender your disappointments to My sovereignty that I can use them for My Glory.

Here’s the SECRET: Glean the hidden treasure from every disappointment. You’ll always discover gold within every trial if you’re willing to search for it. The thing is that most never bother to look below the

surface to find the incredible treasures hidden there. This hidden treasure is an inner wealth, a richness of spirit and special revelation of who I am.

When you encounter disappointment along the road, the enemy will also try to convince you that all is lost. However, the truth is that you gain much in the spiritual realm, growing in stature while increasing in wisdom and anointing. The devil, who is a liar, wants you to lose hope, believing the issue will never be resolved, and that it is over forever. He makes it appear that the problems are too great for Me to address. Those doubts drain your spirit and hinder your progress toward maturity. He also wants you to forsake your divine purpose and destiny by letting go of your vision.

My child, disappointment is an inevitable fact of life. As you’re alive, there will be highs and lows, ups and downs, laughter and weeping, happiness and sadness. Life can sometimes feel like a perilous roller coaster ride. Many struggle with feelings of despair when things go wrong. When dreams are shattered and hope dies, disappointment is the natural result. Pain is inevitable. Why? Because you are in a fallen world.

But I don’t want that to hinder you in any way. In order for you to have everything I want to give you, you’ll have to let go of bitterness and dump every heavy weight at My feet so I can set you free and heal

your disappointment. However, that will never happen until you let go of your right to be angry. I can turn every dark thing around for your good if you dump it in My lap.

My still, small voice will comfort you through My Word:

**“Don’t be afraid, for I am with you. Don’t be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with My victorious right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10)**

I will be your **STRENGTH**, your **HOPE**, your **COMFORT**, and your **COUNSELOR**. In times of weakness I will be faithful to meet your needs and lift you above your circumstances. Trust Me to be everything you need, for I am always more than enough!

### **PRAY THIS BOLD PRAYER RIGHT NOW!**

**1) “I will lift my eyes to the hills—Where my help comes from?”**

**2) My help comes from the Lord, Who made heaven and earth.**

**3) He will not allow my foot to be moved; He who keeps me will not slumber.**

**4) Behold, He who keeps Israel (me) shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

**5) The Lord is my Keeper (Protector); the Lord is my Shade (Safe Guard) at my right hand.**

**6) The sun shall not strike me by day, nor the moon by night.**

**7) The Lord shall preserve (protect) me from all evil; He shall preserve (protect) my soul.”**

**8) The Lord will watch over my coming and going both now and forevermore.”**

**(Psalms 121:1 to 8)**