

## There Was Jesus by Zach Williams & Dolly Parton

Every time I tried to make it on my own  
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall  
And all those lonely roads that I have travelled  
on  
There was Jesus

When the life I built came crashing to the  
ground

When the friends I had were nowhere to be  
found

I couldn't see it then but I can see it now

There was Jesus

In the waiting, in the searching

In the healing and the hurting

Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces

Every minute, every moment

Where I've been and where I'm going

Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it

There was Jesus

For this man who needs amazing kind of  
grace (Mmm)

For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay  
(Mmm)

I'm not perfect so I thank God every day

There was Jesus (There was Jesus)

In the waiting, in the searching

In the healing and the hurting

Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces

Every minute, every moment

Where I've been and where I'm going

Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it

There was Jesus

On the mountain, in the valleys (There was  
Jesus)

In the shadows of the alleys (There was  
Jesus)

In the fire, in the flood (There was Jesus)

Always is and always was

No I never walk alone (Never walk alone)

You are always there

In the waiting, in the searching

In the healing and the hurting

Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces

Every minute (Every minute), every moment  
(Every moment)

Where I've been and where I'm going

Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it

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Listen to the song on YouTube or a streaming service while reading the lyrics.

-What part of the song/lyrics stands out to you, means something to you? Is this something new to you? Something you've never focused on before?

- Has there ever been a time in your life where you felt all alone? Can you look back and see Jesus' hand guiding you during that time?

-How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is there for you, is with you at all times?

-Who did you rely on when things got tough/fell apart? 1 Peter 5:7, Psalm 46:1-3

-Do you try to listen to God's direction or just do the things you want to do, putting your desires first instead of putting God first and in charge of your life? (our plans instead of his)

-Immanuel, God with us: Jesus walked in our shoes, he knows what we're going through. He's been betrayed, lied to, tortured, his own friend/apostle denied knowing him. Hebrews 4:14-16 - besides being a resurrected King, we have a sympathetic High Priest watching over us who knows our needs, and acts on our behalf. How does that make you feel? Hebrews 7:25 - He works on our behalf, he will hold us fast. Do you see him in your life interceding for you with God because he fully understands imperfection?

STEP 1  
READ GOD'S WORD

Psalms 23

1 The Lord is my Shepherd. I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters.

3 He refreshes and restores my life; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

4 Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table for me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

6 Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord shall be my dwelling place.

STEP 2  
WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?  
( list the facts from each verse )

ex) the Lord is my Shepherd  
ex) I shall not want

STEP 3

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD MEAN?

(Learn the Lessons- verse by verse)

1 Ex) God/Jesus is MY guide, he watches over me, tends to me, cares for me as my own personal shepherd (caretaker)

Ex) He will provide for all my needs - I can rely on him, I will be take care of

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STEP 5: LIVE IN OBEDIENT RESPONSE-

Ex) I will put my trust in the Lord to guide me; I will have everything I need with him to get by in life

STEP 4

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD MEAN IN MY

LIFE? (Listen to his voice) - as a question

1 Ex) Am I allowing/relying on Jesus to guide me? To be my shepherd?

Ex) If I'm honest with myself, is there anything that I'm lacking in this life( a shepherd shields, feeds, guides)? Am I chasing after "things" that God doesn't provide for me?

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What will you do about what God has said?

