

GAME CHANGERS

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Psalm 23

MESSAGE NOTES

Thursday, July 3
Sunday, July 6

Introduction

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures. He
 leads me beside still waters. ³He restores my
 soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness
 for his name's sake. ⁴Even though I walk
 through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your
 rod and your staff, they comfort me. ⁵You
 prepare a table before me in the presence of
 my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my
 cup overflows. ⁶Surely goodness and mercy
 shall follow me all the days of my life, and I
 shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

"God doesn't always lead us where we want to go, but He always leads us where we need to be."

1. Knowing the Shepherd means Trusting His Heart v1

- a. The premise of Psalm 23
- b. A shepherd vs MY Shepherd
- c. Meaning of "I shall not want"

2. Knowing the Shepherd Means following His Voice v2-3

- a. To be led you have to follow
b. A sheep that wanders...

3. Knowing the Shepherd Means Experiencing His Presence v4

- a. Shift in language

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4. Knowing the Shepherd Means walking with Him. V5-6

- a. Divine Shepherd vs Divine Heart
- b. Not just for the peace in our lives but also for the chaos "presence of my enemies"
- c. Goodness and mercy
- d. **follow me**- word study
- e. peace as a path not a blanket

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Do you know the shepherd, or do you just know the Psalm?

John 10:11- ***"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep."***

John 10:27-28- ***"my sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish."***

- The path to peace is not just comfort, but a call. An invitation to follow the Good Shepherd.
- What's the urgency: ***"My sheep listen to My voice...and they follow Me."***

GROUP DISCUSSION

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB

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Prayer Requests:

1. Read Matthew 4:1-10. Discuss several reasons why Jesus quoted scripture to Satan.
2. What verses of scripture have been the most meaningful in your life? In what ways do you use these scriptures?
3. Read Psalm 119:11. Discuss the personal benefit of memorizing scripture and how it helps defeat sin.
4. What is your plan to read, meditate upon, and employ God's word daily? Who will hold you accountable?
5. Memorize Psalm 119:105.