

# "The Greatest Chapter?!?" - "Find God's Will For Me!" - Psalm 23:3

**NKJV**- *"The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, 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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."*

**I. Our Shepherd Gives SATISFACTION!** (v.1)

**II. Our Shepherd Gives RESTORATION!** (v.2)

**III. Our Shepherd Gives DIRECTION!** (v.3)

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- People all around the world are crying out for **DIRECTION** in life. In the United States alone, over 30 million look to **astrology** regularly! (horoscopes; talk shows; fortune cookies; advice...)
- Many are not **LED** by God... but **DRIVEN** by the culture!
  - "This is the age of the half read page;  
○ the quick hash, and the mad dash;  
○ the bright night with the nerves tight;  
  
the airplane hop with a brief stop;  
  
○ the lamp tan in a short span;  
○ the big shot in a good spot;  
  
the brain strain, with heart pain;  
  
○ the cat naps, until the spring snaps;  
  
then the fun is done!"

- But what about Christians?!?
  - Does God still speak to us today? How?
  - Is the Bible a “crystal ball”??
  - Rolling dice or flipping pennies??
  - Can I know God’s will for my life today? How?
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## • In His Shepherd, David found **DIRECTION!**

- **“He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.”**
- NLT - “He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to His name.”
- **Psalm 5:8** NLT - “Lead me in the right path, O Lord, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow.”
- **Psalm 78:52-53** NLT - “.he led his own people like a flock of sheep, guiding them safely through the wilderness. 53 He kept them safe so they were not afraid..”
- Jesus wants to **GUIDE** you in His will for your life! But He doesn’t just want to guide you, He wants to become your **PERSONAL GUIDE!** (Israel)
- Your Great Shepherd wants to speak to you specifically about His **PLANS** for your life:

- **GENERAL Will of God** - Clearly expressed in the Scriptures; what the LORD desires for every human on the planet!
  - **Be SAVED!** - 1 Tim 2:5
  - **Be HOLY!** - 1 Thess 4:3
  - **Be THANKFUL!** - 1 Thess 5:18
  - **Be WORSHIPFUL!** - John 4:24
  - **Be ACTIVE!** - Eph 5:16
- **PERSONAL Will of God** - Discovered by **living** as a disciple, and by **looking** for the trail-markers from the Lord. These verses show us the **PATH**/the **TRAIL** of God’s will.
  - **Romans 12:1-2** NKJV - “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the **mercies of God**, that you **present your bodies** a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable

service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

- **Romans 12:1-2** NLT - “Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”
  - **REALIZE** Jesus' goodness to you! (v.1a)
  - **RELEASE** your life to Jesus again! (v.1b)
  - **RESIST** the worlds' temptations! (v.2a)
  - **RENEW** your thinking thru God's Word! (v.2b)
    - Jesus will REVEAL His Will to you!!!

## **APPLICATION:**

- Will YOU decide today, to live the life of a disciple, to walk the PATH that God declares will lead to FINDING HIS WILL for your life?
- What do you need to CHANGE practically this week??
- WHEN will you make that change??
- What can you do to ensure your lifestyle more resembles a DISCIPLE??
- What can you do to MAINTAIN this lifestyle of a disciple??