



Feb 28, 2016 - Loved 23: Walk Scot Longyear

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I shall not want.*

*2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.*

*3 He restores my soul;
He guides me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.*

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

*5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil;
My cup overflows.*

*6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Loved 23 series - Review

1. What we have in our shepherd is greater than what we don't have in life
2. Yes, Jesus loves me (lie down, leads me, restores)

Today: where we walk determines who we become

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Psalm 23:3

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What's the big deal what paths I walk? The path you are on will determine who you become. **Where we walk determines who we become.**

Three elements needed in order to walk with Christ:

1. Guide

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For His name's sake. - Psalm 23:3*

Someone Has To Guide Your Life

"Says who?" "This is the best move for your career." So, your career guides your life.

GUIDE = MOVEMENT

Christian life is not static.

Sheep Left Alone

Sheep left on the same land will destroy the land - "overgrazing". They will eat grass down to the ROOT, even dig it up. No thought to long term, just their own satisfaction.

Shepherding Technique

A shepherd puts his sheep on new ground every week.

Are you moving?

Are you moving into some new ground every week? Serving different, new conversations, new experiences . . .

Landscape Needs To Change

Say yes, to new adventures, if the Lord is leading me. Magnetic pull is to stay the same.

How Does He Guide?

With love (Loved 23). He guides with his presences.

2. Path

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Shepherd knows the land he takes the sheep on.

It is not new to him. He has been there before - knows all the best places and all the dangers.

How do I know where God is leading me?

Bible - it is our path. He will never contradict his word

Psalm 139:5

You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

As you go on the path you will recognize that he has been there before you.

Deuteronomy 31:8

The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.

Sheep's Temptation

Follow the sheep in front of them. Beat down a path until it becomes a rut.

Not Just ANY Path

A path of righteousness. Righteousness - rightness, pure, oly - covenant term. Paths of rightness, paths that are pure, paths that are holy

3. Purpose

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For His name's sake. . - Psalm 23:3

Ultimately it is about his glory. About making him famous.

Test of if you are on the right path: does this lead to making a big deal out of me or out of Christ?

“Where is the love in all of this?” He leads in love.

John 10:11

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

The path you choose will ultimately determine your destination:

Walk path of bad decisions you will be end up in a place made by bad decisions.

Make stupid decisions, end up in a stupid place.