

# LACKING NOTHING

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## *Closer Than You Think*

**Week 1** – “The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.” The Shepherd provides, protects, and leads us—even when we don’t feel full or satisfied.

**Week 2** – harder truth: “Lack isn’t always a loss.” We saw that sometimes God withholds not to punish us, but to form us—that perseverance produces maturity, and that what we think is a setback is often God’s setup for something deeper.

**Today** – what happens when we believe in God but forget that He’s with us?

- God is not more faithful because you feel Him.
- Your awareness changes, but He does not.
- God is a loving father.

**Psalm 139:7–10 (ESV)** 7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in

Sheol, you are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.

David is using polar opposites –

- Heaven – highest possible place
- Sheol – Place for the dead. Lowest possible place.
- Wings of the morning – sun rising in the east
- Uttermost parts of the sea – the far end of the Mediterranean sea in the west

**2 Timothy 2:13 (ESV)** if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

- Lamentations 3:22–23 says His mercies are “new every morning.”
- It doesn’t always feel like God is good or His plan is good.

❖ God is **IMMUTABLE** – unchangeable or unable to be altered.

❖ **Divine responsiveness**—God, in His sovereignty, has chosen to respond to prayer, obedience, faith, repentance, etc. Isaiah 38

- Anxiety & Excitement
- The gap is not closed by emotion but with intention.
- Through faith, prayer and seeking. The word.  
Worship. Surrounded by other believers.

**Acts 17:27 (ESV)** that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us