

Route 66 Psalm 23

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Psalm 23:5 "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

A table of food and good things. A place of rest and nourishment.

In the presence of my enemies

DON'T GIVE THE ENEMY A SEAT AT YOUR TABLE.

The Enemy wants to sit at your table: So, what's going on at home? Boss still a jerk? Still doubting? Still waiting for an answer?

Distraction is his weapon.

His plan is **to steal** all that God has for you. And **destroy everything good** your shepherd wants to provide for you.

He's going to sell you something – to get you to doubt the character of God.

He's going to remind you of something in your past or something someone said.

He's going to get you off track, in doubt, begin worrying, make you anxious, angry, bitter, selfish.

He'll tell you: Its better at the other table. You're not good enough. Smart, pretty, talented. You're not from the right family... You're not going to make it.

I'm surrounded and there's no way out Everybody is against me... Nobody likes me

"I don't know" ...is not God

1 Peter 5:8

"Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

God almighty prepares a table for you. He comes down and then He sits down.

Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

2 Corinthians 10:5

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

**Accept responsibility for your thoughts

Your mind- not just your behavior must change **Romans 12:2**

Think through your problems rather than just react to them

Take your disabling thoughts captive through confession.

Romans 12:21

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Choose to focus your thoughts on the right things

Philippians 4:8

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever **is true**, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

It is possible

You win the battle of your mind by filling your mind with the Word of God.

Identify the lie. What is it?

We are not defined by our scares, but by His scares.

There is now no condemnation...