



Series: Encountering God
Title: Encountering God Through the Word
Scripture: Psalm 23

August Verse: *We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up.*
(Romans 15:1-2)

Parkway Plumbline #7: The church is not an audience, it is an army!

a) Every member is mobilized for ministry. Worship is not for us, it is for God.

- 1) Is Jesus your personal Lord and Savior? (v. 1a)
 - a) That's when we move from lost to found.
- 2) Let Jesus satisfy your needs and desires. (vs. 1-3)
 - a) Only then do we move from the wrong path to the right path.
- 3) Follow Jesus through the valleys of life and death. (v. 4)
 - a) It's the only way we move from fearful to peaceful.
 - i) Jesus provides courage in fear.
 - ii) Jesus provides comfort in loss.
 - iii) Jesus provides confidence in death.
 - iv) Jesus provides care in pain.
- 4) Look to Jesus to provide protection & healing. (Psalm 23:5)
 - a) This is the only way to go from grumbling to grateful.
- 5) Jesus gives us unconditional love & a home. (Psalm 23:6)
 - a) This moves us from shaky to sure.

Our problem is that all too often we write our sorrows in marble and our mercies in sand.