

Life Lessons for Sheep: Contentment

Wylie Methodist Church

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Psalm 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. 3 He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. 4 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord Forever. (NKJV)

I. WE ARE LIKE SHEEP

Psalm 23:1a

The Lord is my shepherd...

Isaiah 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

2. SHEEP BELONG TO THEIR SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:1a

The Lord is my shepherd...

3. SHEEP ARE CARED FOR BY THEIR SHEPHERD

Psalm 23:1a

The Lord is my shepherd...

1 Samuel 17:34-35

34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it.

John 10:14

I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me...

John 10:11

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

4. SURRENDERING TO THE SHEPHERD'S CARE LEADS TO CONTENTMENT

Psalm 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Luke 15:3-6

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "*Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?* 5 *And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.'*"

Homework:

• **Memorize verse one.**

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."

- Write it out on a piece of paper.
- Say it at least once a day.

• **Count your blessings.**

- Write one thing each day this week that you're thankful for.
- Be content in your blessings!