

Life Lessons for Sheep: Fearless

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)

1. LIFE IS NO PICNIC

“Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...”

John 16:33

“... In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

2. YOUR GOOD SHEPHERD WALKS WITH YOU

“...I will fear no evil; For You are with me;”

1 John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear.

Isaiah 43:2

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you...

Resurrected Jesus said, “Do not be afraid...”

3. YOU CAN WALK WITH CONFIDENCE

“... Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.”

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 12:32

“When I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 Praise be to ... the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles,

John 16:13

“When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.”

HOMEWORK

- Memorize verse 4 (write it out)
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.
- At least 3 times a day (morning, noon, bedtime) pray;
“God, I trust that You are with me.”