

Sheepish: Purpose

Wylie Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Hatcher – August 3, 2025

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. YOUR GOOD SHEPHERD LONGS TO RESTORE YOU

“He restores my soul;”

John 10:14-15

14 "I am the good shepherd... 15 ... I lay down my life for the sheep.

Matthew 11:28-29

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you... you will find rest for your souls.”

2. YOUR GOOD SHEPHERD LEADS YOU INTO RIGHTEOUS LIVING

“He leads me in the paths of righteousness...”

Isaiah 53:6

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

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Matthew 7:13-14

13 "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. 14 But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart... He will make your paths straight.

3. YOUR RIGHTEOUS LIFE BRINGS GLORY TO YOUR GOOD SHEPHERD

“He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.”

1 John 2:12

Apostle John said ... I write to you, dear children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.

Luke 4:18

Jesus said that He came: *“To heal the brokenhearted. To set the captives free.”*

HOMEWORK (This week):

- Memorize verse 3 (write it out)
“He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.”
- Begin each day this week by:
 - Thanking God for “Restoring your soul.”
 - Ask God to lead you in His righteous paths that day
- End each day by:
 - Asking God if He was glorified through your actions today