

Can You Stand On Three Promises Today? (Psalm 23)

Promise #1: The Lord Will "Abundantly" Provide (1-4)

- 1. He will satisfy our needs quantity and quality (1-2a)
- 2. He will lead us to soul restoration spiritual cleansing (2b-3a)
- 3. He will direct us in the "tracks" of righteousness (3b)
- 4. He will protect us from evil rod and staff → care and defense (4)

Promise #2: The Lord will "Abundantly" <u>Sustain</u> (5)
Promise #3: The Lord will "Abundantly" <u>Bless</u> - Presence (6)

Discussion Questions:

- In the sermon a list about things that are stressing us out and may be putting us in a bad mood was shared.
 Which one stood out to you the most? Why? (The list is on the app with the sermon notes and discussion questions if you want to review them)
- 2. Look at the four things that God abundantly provides in our lives (1-4) and discuss how you see His presence in one of the areas. Do you feel like your not recognizing God's presence in any of the four areas? Discuss.
- 3. Are you focused on scarcity or abundance in your life right now? Discuss. (A scarcity mentality is driven by the perception that your needs in life are not going to be met. An abundance mentality in Christ provides security and the joy in living that is affirmed by the promise of God's abundant provision physically and spiritually in our lives.)
- 4. Can you stand in the three promises shared in Psalm 23 today? Read Matthew 6:25-34, and hear what Jesus had to say about why we should focus on today and not worry about tomorrow. Discuss.
- 5. Pray for each other every morning this week focus your prayer for each other on standing firm in the promises of God for that day.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. ³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. ⁴ Even 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 overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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