

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

October 20-26, 2014

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through His Word and through the Holy Spirit.

October 20: Read Psalm 23. Spend/invest time in prayer reviewing the provision of God in your life (v.1) especially thanking him for physical (v.2) and spiritual (v.3) provision.

October 21: Read Psalm 23. Focus on verse 4. This verse focuses on God's provision for our emotional well-being. What words would you use to describe your emotional condition? Are you in the emotional state God desires for you? Why or why not?

October 22: Read Psalm 23. Focus on the image of walking "through the valley of the shadow of death" (v.4a). When in your life have you experienced this? What impacted your emotional state either positively or negatively in that situation?

October 23: Read Psalm 23. We live in a world of fear. Current attention is on the Ebola epidemic. What does it mean for God's people to be able to say "I will fear no evil" in a time when many are fearful? How can we communicate this?

October 24: Read Psalm 46. In Psalm 46:1 the Psalmist proclaims his faith. In verse two he notes the outcome of this faith. How does your faith impact your emotional life? How does verse 10 relate to verses 1-3 and to your life?

October 25: Read Romans 8:28-39. What does this passage tell us about our earthly experience in the valley of the shadow? What do these verses tell us about God?

October 26: Read Psalm 23. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.

Psalm 23

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.

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