

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

October 27-November 2, 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 27: Read Psalm 23. By this time you might the psalm memorized (if you didn't before). Try to say it out loud by memory. Pay special attention to points where your memory needs to be refreshed and focus on doing so.

October 28: Read Psalm 23:5. Focus on verse 5a. As you look at this portion of the verse what is the image that you have? What does the table look like and who is present? Are the enemies at the table or are they outside where the table is? What might this mean for the psalmist and for you?

October 29: Read Psalm 23:5. Focus on "you anoint my head with oil." Read Psalm 133. How do these references to anointing with oil relate to each other and to our lives?

October 30: Read Psalm 23:5. Focus on "you anoint my head with oil." Read Luke 7:36-50. How does this phrase from the psalm relate to verse 46? Are there customs of hospitality that might be similar to anointing with oil in Biblical times?

October 31: Read Psalm 23:5. Focus on "my cup runs over." Read Joel 2:18-32. The image of superabundant or overflowing blessing are present in both texts. Where else in scripture do you find God blessing extravagantly? How have you experienced this in your life? Praise the Lord for his abundant provision.

November 1: Read 23:5. What image does God want you to carry with you from this passage for this day? How can it become part of your life today and in the future?

November 2: 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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