

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

October 6-12, 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 6: Read Psalm 23. Read the Psalm slowly out loud 3 times. If you haven't already, try committing Psalm 23 to memory. Take a few moments to pray the Psalm by reading one verse at a time and praying your thoughts related to each verse.

October 7: Read Psalm 23. Focus on the first phrase of verse 3. Why does God need to restore our souls? Why does God want to restore our souls? What is the process for doing this restoration? Where are you at in this process?

October 8: Read Psalm 23. Focus on the second phrase of verse 3. Why does God want to lead us? What are the paths of righteousness referring to in this passage? What happens if we choose a different leader and different paths?

October 9: Read Psalm 23. Focus on the third phrase of verse 3. What does "for His name's sake" mean as it relates to the restoration of our souls and his leading us in paths of righteousness?

October 10: Read Proverbs 3:5-6 and Matthew 7:13-14. How do these two texts relate to Psalm 23:3? How have you experienced the Proverbs passage in your life? What are the promises of God that are spoken of in these passages?

October 11: Read Psalm 1. How does this psalm relate to our text for this week? What is the separation between the righteous and the wicked in this passage? How have you observed this in your life and the lives of those around you?

October 12: 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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