

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for:

September 29-October 5, 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.

September 29: Read Psalm 23. Read the Psalm slowly out loud 3 times. Try to get a visual picture in your mind of verses 1-2. Can you imagine the sheep and shepherd in green pastures and beside still waters?

September 30: Read Psalm 23. Focus on verses 1-2. If you were writing these verses for your life today how would you translate the picture being presented? What are your green pastures and quiet waters?

October 1: Read Psalm 23. Focus on verse 2. The images of this verse are of contentment and refreshment. When have you experienced this in your life? What was the Lord's role in your life at that/in those times?

October 2: Read Matthew 6:25-34. Jesus is encouraging his people to not worry and to trust in God's provision. What is the promise that Jesus makes in verse 33? What is being asked of God's people in this verse? How does this relate to Psalm 23:2?

October 3: Read Philippians 4:10-19. What is the promise that Paul makes about God in verse 19? How have you seen this in your life and the lives of others around you? How does this relate to Psalm 23:1-2?

October 4: Read Psalm 23. Say verses 1-2 out loud slowly ten times. What does verse 2 mean in your life today as you consider your relationship with the Lord as your shepherd?

October 5: 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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