

LIFE IN THE SHEEP SEATS PT2: SHEEP WALKING

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"The Lord is my shepherd." Psalm 23:1a

A. The Shepherd's duty:

1. Provides (food, shelter, basic necessities)
2. Protects (defends against enemies, harm)
3. Guides (leads)
4. Corrects (problems, discipline)

B. God's relationship with us:

1. Our Father
2. Our Shepherd:

"I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep." John 10:11

C. We are sheep!:

"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us have turned to our own way." Isa 53:6.

1. Sheep get lost.
2. Sheep will not find their own way.
3. Sheep know a voice.

"My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of My hand." John 10: 27-28

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves." Matthew 7:15

4. Sheep follow a voice – Sheep Walking!

D. He is the Lord.

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E. Contentment.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." Psalm 23:1

Contentment is:

1. Not being driven by wanting more.
2. Inner freedom from dissatisfaction.
3. The ability to live fully in the moment.

F. The Monster of More!

"Everyone's toil is for their mouth, yet their appetite is never satisfied." Ecclesiastes 6:7

There is a Good Shepherd who has slayed that monster to protect us and who knows exactly what we need.

G. Growing in Contentment:

1. Relentlessly establish realistic expectations.
2. Give latitude to the attitude of gratitude.

"Always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:20

3. Stake your soul on the source of satisfaction – THE Shepherd.

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For... your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
Matthew 6:31-33

"Seek the Lord while He may be found." Isaiah 55:6

"If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Scriptures, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about...when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mudpies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday by the sea. We are far too easily pleased." C.S.Lewis

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