

Life Lessons for Sheep: HOPE

Wylie United Methodist Church

Pastor Jeff Hatcher – March 26, 2017

Psalm 23:1-6

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. (NKJV)

Because the Lord is our Shepherd...

1. WE ARE BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING

v. 6 “SURELY goodness and mercy will FOLLOW ME...”

Lamentations 3:22-23

22 Because of the Lord's great love (mercies-KJV) we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning...

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Because the Lord is our Shepherd...

2. WE ARE ALWAYS IN HIS PRESENCE AND UNDER HIS CARE

v. 6 “... all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

Because the Lord is our Shepherd...

3. WE HAVE HOPE NO MATTER THE CIRCUMSTANCES

Luke 15:3-4

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

Isa 40:11

[The Sovereign Lord] tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads [them]...

Isaiah 53:5-7

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.