

Life Lessons for Sheep: PURPOSE

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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)

What can we learn from our Good Shepherd (Jesus)?

Jesus wants to...

1. LIFT YOU TO YOUR FEET

Psa 23:3a "He restores my soul;"

Luke 15 (Parable of the lost sheep)

John 10:14-15

14 "I am the good shepherd... 15 ... I lay down my life for the sheep.

1 John 3:16

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us...

Jesus wants to...

2. LEAD YOU INTO HOLY LIVING

Psa 23:3b "He leads me in the paths of righteousness..."

Isa 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

Prov 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Jesus wants to...

3. GLORIFY HIMSELF THROUGH YOU

Psa 23:3c "He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."

"for His name's sake" means to bring God glory.

HOMEWORK

- Memorize verse 3 (write it out)
"He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake."
- Begin each day this week by:
 - Thank God for "Restoring your soul."
 - Ask God to lead you in His righteous paths that day
- End each day asking God if He was glorified through your actions today