



**Series:** Promises

**Sermon:** Part 1: I Lack Nothing

**Date:** Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_ comes as soon as the things, situations, people, or ourselves that we have put our trust in, all of a sudden don't come through.

We were not meant to play God in order to control, but to \_\_\_\_\_ our control to the God who is in control.

With so much uncertainty and so many challenges in David's life, the only certain person he could \_\_\_\_\_ on was God.

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters... (Psalm 23:1-2)*

*"Owing to their timidity, sheep refuse to lie down unless they are free of all fear. Because of the social behavior within a flock, sheep will not lie down unless they are free from friction with others of their kind. If tormented by flies or parasites, sheep will not lie down. Only when free of these pests can they relax. Lastly, sheep will not lie down as long as they feel in need of finding food. They must be free from hunger. It is significant that to be at rest there must be a definite sense of freedom from fear, tension, aggravations, and hunger. The unique aspect of the picture is that it is only the sheepman [the shepherd] himself who can provide release from these anxieties. A flock that is restless, discontented, always agitated and disturbed never does well. And the same is true of people." (Phillip Keller)*

If God is our Shepherd, then we lack \_\_\_\_\_.

*He restores my soul. He guides me along the right paths for His Name's sake. (Psalm 23:3)*

Restore: "to bring to its original purity"

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. (Psalm 23:4)*

If God is our Shepherd then we have nothing to \_\_\_\_\_ and we will lack nothing.

*You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. (Psalm 23:5)*



*I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the Lord sustains me. I will not fear though tens of thousands assail me on every side. (Psalm 3:5-6)*

*You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. (Psalm 23:5)*

*“The origin of the word anointing was from a practice of shepherds during Biblical times. Lice and other insects would often get into the wool of sheep. These pests would get near the sheep's head and burrow to enter the sheep's ears. They infected the sheep so much they became sick and eventually died. So the ancient shepherds poured oil on the sheep's head, making the wool slippery. This was done to make it impossible for insects to get close to the sheep's ears because the insects would slide right off of the oil. From this, anointing became symbolic of God's blessing, protection, and empowerment.”  
(Shawn Morris)*

*Surely Your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23:6)*

*My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me... (John 10:27)*

**Breath Prayer:**

Inhale: *“The Lord is my Shepherd.”*

Exhale: *“I lack nothing.”*

**Bottom Line:** *If God is our Shepherd, then we really lack nothing.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

1. Is the Lord your Shepherd? Meaning, are you allowing Him to lead you in ALL areas of your life? If you don't know God, how can you take steps to know Him as you allow Him to lead you?
2. If God is our Shepherd, then that means that we lack nothing. What makes it hard for you to surrender and believe this promise for yourself?
3. How does this Psalm help to give you a better perspective of the circumstances you face that make you worried and fearful?

*Songs used in service: Give Me Faith (Elevation Worship), Tumbas A Jardines (Elevation Worship & Brandon Lake), I Surrender (Taya Gaukrodger & Matt Crocker), Psalm 23 (Phil King)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email (so we can follow up):** \_\_\_\_\_

**What can we be praying for you about?**