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New Message Series: Stressbusters: Psalm 23

Today's Message: God's Antidote To Fearing The Future

Psalm 23:1-6

- ◆ The Secret of A Happy Life (v.1)
- ◆ The Secret of A Happy Death (v.2)
- ◆ The Secret of a Happy Eternity (v.6)

You Don't Need To Fear the Future

TWO REASONS:

1. Because God Is Watching Over Me

Psalm 23:1, 6

Psalm 145:1-3, 9, 13-18

Four Truths:

- 1) David had many sorrows in life—a lot of heartache—but he knew that God loved him and would bring eventually, good out of it.
- 2) We experience times when we don't feel like God is good, when bad, painful things happen—yet God promises to bring good out of them.

Romans 8:28

- 3) Today we benefit from Paul's problems, pains, and persecutions.
- 4) Good doesn't exempt you from adversity but He walks with you thru the adversity.

2. Because Heaven Is Waiting For Me

Psalm 23:6

⇒ David ends this Psalm “We’re (those who God is their shepherd) going to heaven. The Best is yet to come!”

John 10:14, 26, 27, 28

Get This: “Belief” in Christ - is to be so persuaded and confident in Christ (GK: pisteuo) - that our lives are transformed by the Holy Spirit entering our lives.

John 8:12, 30-32

1 Peter 1:3-6

The Stark Reality: Everybody does not go to heaven—only those who are His sheep and follow Him.

Two Key Questions:

- 1) “What did you do about My Son's death on the cross for you?”
- 2) “What did you do with the gift of life I gave you?”