

Message Notes | Psalm 23

Part 1: He Owns Me

Psalm 23:1

→ The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing – **vs. 1**

#1 A sheep's quality of life depends on the quality of its shepherd.

→ thieves and hired hands – **Ezekiel 34:1-2, 11-12**

#2 What kind of life have you been shepherded into?

→ not just *a* shepherd; *my* shepherd

→ bought into the fold – **1 Peter 1:18-19**

→ born into the fold – **1 Peter 1:23**

#3 You were redeemed and reborn into God's fold.

→ acquired at a great price – **Romans 8:31-32, John 10:10**

#4 If God gave up his Son for you, he will graciously give you all things.

God, center my life around the reality that I belong to you.

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1. What are some things people look to for guidance, security, or direction in life? Why do you think these things are so influential?
2. **Read Psalm 23:1-6.** What do you think David understood about God that allowed him to confidently say in verse 1, "I lack nothing"?
3. **Read Ezekiel 34:1-2, 11-12.** How does God contrast himself with the shepherds who had failed his people?
4. A sheep's quality of life depends on the quality of its shepherd. If Jesus is the perfect Shepherd, why don't his sheep always have perfect lives?
5. There's a big difference between "The Lord is *a* shepherd" and "The Lord is *my* shepherd." How does a person develop a relationship with God that's personal, not just intellectual?
6. **Read 1 Peter 1:18-19, 23.** What stands out to you about the two pictures of how we came to belong to God?
7. **Read Romans 8:31-32.** It took a lot of confidence for David to say, "I lack nothing." According to these verses, why can you have the same confidence?
8. What's one area of your life where you want to grow in living as someone who belongs to God?