



Don't Give the Enemy a Seat

Psalm 23 (NIV) *1 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, 3 he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. 4 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. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. 6 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.*

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

If the enemy is at your table..

- Then you think you're NOT going to make it.

Psalm 23:4a (NIV) *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me;*

- Then you think there's something BETTER at another table.
- Then you feel like you are not GOOD ENOUGH for God.

John 10:11 (NIV) *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.*

- Then you think EVERYONE is out to get you.

So the Giant has fallen or has to go. No more excuse giving. No more accommodating. The time is now!

What it might look like for the Shepherd to lead you..

- Make sure you are spiritually ALIVE.

1 John 5:12 (NIV) *Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.*

- Let the SHEPHERD lead you day by day.
- TRUST Him and lean in His direction.
- Say yes to the Holy Spirit as a way of life.
- Keep your GUARD up!

Come to the table...

Sit with Jesus at a table for two. A challenge for March: Read Psalm 23 first thing in the morning and last thing at night.

Additional Notes...

scriptures that relate

Monday: Psalm 23

Wednesday: Psalm 25

Friday: Psalm 27

Tuesday: Psalm 24

Thursday: Psalm 26

Saturday: Psalm 28

small groups—talk it over

1. Describe a crazy plot twist in your own life.
2. When you read Psalm 23, what stands out?
3. How does the enemy attack you personally?
4. How do we say yes to the Holy Spirit as a way of life?

pastor jamie's prayer requests

Monday: Pray that we can all resemble Christ more today than we did yesterday.

Tuesday: Pray for the physical health of our students, parents and our church congregation.

Wednesday: Pray for our Wednesday night activities, CKS, Youth, Choir and Crossing University.

Thursday: Please pray for our schools. Pray for the teachers, administration and leadership.

Friday: Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the decisions our students make on a daily basis.

Saturday: Pray the students make a decision of faith and share it with a friend (s).