

Seasons of Change

SERMON NOTES

June 12, 2022

“Seasons of Change”

Psalm 23



I. Introduction

- A. Transitions are always _____, even the ones we look forward to.
- B. God has used _____ in an extraordinary way in my own life.

II. Psalm 23

- A. God is _____ shepherd.
- B. The role of the _____ is just to fixate on the shepherd.
- C. God does certain things for _____:
 - a. Makes us lie down in green pastures.
 - b. Leads us beside still waters.
 - c. Restores our soul.
 - d. Leads us in the path of righteousness.
- D. When we are in the valley don't fixate on the _____; fix your eyes on the shepherd.
- E. Max Lucado says that _____ and mercy are like sheep dogs that follow us around to fend off the enemy and make sure all the sheep are still together.

III. Application

- A. Is _____ your shepherd?
- B. We need to think about our difficult seasons of change as _____ to trust God.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message



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INTRODUCTION

Someone once said “the only thing constant is change.” Change is hard, but we all go through it in various seasons of life. So how do we get through times of change and keep sane in the process?

Monday: Psalm 23:1-3

Shepherds give sheep what they need. What are some ways you feel God gives you what you need? How would you describe the phrase “he refreshes my soul” in verse 3? Are you in a season where you’d say your soul is in need?

Tuesday: Psalm 23:4

Are you in a season when you are walking through a valley? If so, how is it helpful to know God is with you? How can that give you courage?

Wednesday: Psalm 23:5

An enemy is someone or something robbing you of something from life. Who are your particular enemies right now? What is God offering to help you?

Thursday: Psalm 23:6

Max Lucado says that ‘goodness’ and ‘mercy’ are like sheep dogs that follow us around to fend off the enemy and make sure all the sheep are still together. What are your thoughts on that analogy?

Friday: Psalm 23

Do you feel like you can really call God your shepherd? Why or why not? Many times we want clarity for what is next in our lives. How do you handle it when clarity is not there?

MOVING FORWARD

In seasons of change, it's good to remind ourselves who God is and who we are. Psalm 23 reminds us that he is ‘MY’ shepherd. And as ‘my shepherd,’ he walks with me through the difficult times and restores my soul. As his sheep, we should not fixate on the shadow during difficult seasons of change, but fixate our eyes on the Shepherd. And if we can do that, surely goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives and we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Answers to the sermon notes: IA) stressful, B) Psalm 23. IIA) my, B) sheep, C) us, D) shadow, IIE) goodness. IIIA) God, B) opportunities.