

Pride abases, grace exalts, vs. 18

Luke 14:11 *“For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.”*

The Anointed serves the rejected, vs. 19-23

When the Lord is truly with us, as with David, we reflect the character of Jesus.

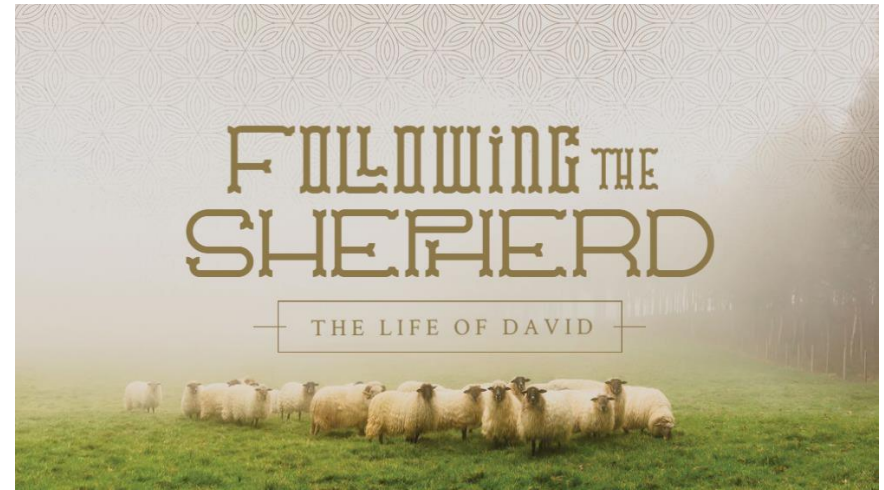
Matthew 20:25-28 *“But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. ²⁶ But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; ²⁷ And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: ²⁸ Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

Can You Say: “The Shepherd is With Me”

To the Believer: You know the shepherd, you’ve heard His voice. Have you wandered away?

To the Uncertain: Are you living life by your own strength, hoping to reach heaven by your own efforts? Jesus gave His life to forgive you and bring you into a relationship with Him. You must receive him by faith.

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*We often expect our journey of life to be a steady climb to greater mountain top experiences. The life of David teaches us that sometimes God leads us through green pastures and sometimes into the dark valleys. **Through it all, our Shepherd leads us, and His presences is constant.***

STUDY GUIDE – PSALM 23

Part 1 – Hearing His Voice... *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3*

Part 2 – The Valley of Darkness... *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me... Psalm 23:4*

Part 3 – The Table Prepared... *Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Psalm 23:5*

Part 4 – Under The Rod... *thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4*

Part 5 – Goodness and Mercy All The Days... *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23:6*

THE SHEPHERD IS WITH ME

1 SAMUEL 16:13-22

1 Samuel 16:18 *“...Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters and a comely person, and the LORD is with him.”*

Psalm 23 – “Thou Art With Me”

David’s life would be marked by the presence of God with him.

AFTER THE ANNOINTING

1 Samuel 16:13

The Significance of the Anointing

The Insignificance of David’s Life

Learn to Experience God’s Presence in the Mundane Moments of Life.

THE LORD’S HAND AGAINST SAUL

1 Samuel 16:14

James 4:6 *“But He giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.”*

God Delights in Giving Grace.

Saul was rejected by God because Saul rejected God.

Grace and pride cannot occupy the same space.

THE LORD’S HAND UPON DAVID

1 Samuel 16:15-22

The search for a musician, vs. 15-17
