

TRUTHS TO CONSIDER

- We celebrate David, David celebrated the LORD!
- David simply put himself in the path of God's power.
- The Strength is not inside of us, it is outside of us.

JESUS IS OUR GREAT CHAMPION.

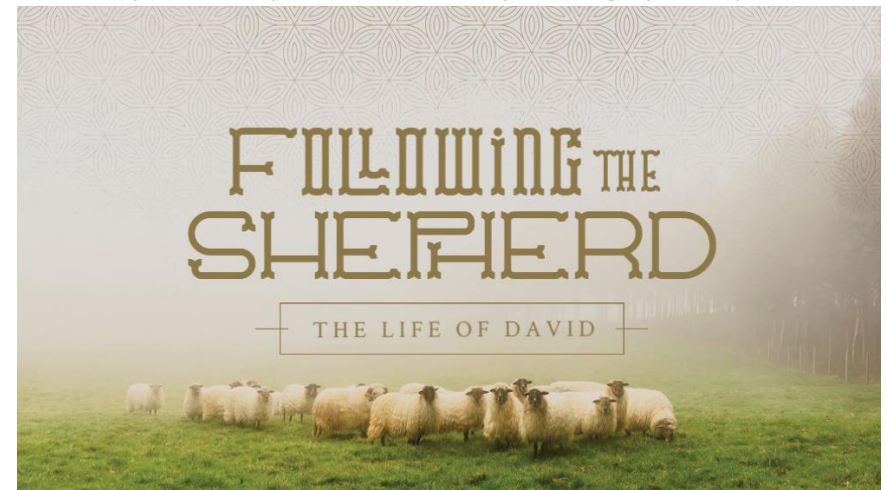
1 Corinthians 15:25-57 *"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death...*

...⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ⁵⁶The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Can You Say: "The Shepherd is My Victory"

To the Believer: Have you begun to rely on yourself, or are you trusting your true Champion, Jesus Christ?

To the Uncertain: You cannot save yourself. Jesus conquered your great enemy of sin and death, call out to Him to save you!



*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 presence 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 MY VICTORY

1 SAMUEL 17

1 Samuel 17:37 *“David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee.”*

PREPARING FOR BATTLE

1 Samuel 17:1-11

Assuming a warfare mentality

Ephesians 6:10-12 *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”*

A Great and Terrible Enemy

A Paralyzing Fear

1 John 4:18 *“There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”*

A Fearless Faith

1 Samuel 17:12-37

Obedience preceded power

Unquestioning Confidence in God

Remembering past deliverance

Experiencing Victory

1 Samuel 17:38-58
