

# FOLLOWING AN INTENTIONAL SHEPHERD

## PSALM 23

### Facts about Sheep:

- Sheep Lack sense of direction.
- Sheep are defenseless.
- Sheep are easily frightened.
- Sheep are by nature unclean.
- Sheep cannot find food or water on their own.
- Sheep produce what is meant to adorn another.

### Our Shepherd Jesus...

- CARES with WISDOM.
- RESTORES and PROTECTS.
- BLESSES and PROVIDES.
- SECURES our FUTURE.

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## FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Psalm 23. What do you personally see as a comfort when you see Jesus as your shepherd and you as His sheep?
2. We saw Sunday that sheep lack direction, are defenseless, easily frightened, unclean, unable to find food and water, and don't produce anything that belongs to them. Discuss these things and find similarities to yourself and where you would be without a shepherd. Use the following verses and come up with some of your own. Eph 6:10, Deut. 31:8, Isa 53:6.
3. The first point on Sunday was Jesus cares with wisdom. Why would it be important to care for us with wisdom? Why can't we just pray and have God grant our requests. Matt. 21:22, James 4:2 and 1 John 5:14.
4. Psalm 23:2 says He makes me lie down in green pastures. Have you ever had the Lord make you rest? Make you wait on Him and rest in Him and His timing? Have you ever been so stubborn that He had to "break your leg" to get you to rely on Him alone?
5. On Sunday Randy referred to being restored as being lost and then found. He also said that righteousness is never a natural path to us. Considering those two thoughts, how did Jesus seek and find you? Did your own righteousness lead you to Jesus or did Jesus lead you to righteousness?
6. Many times, we will find ourselves in the valley of the shadow of death, or deep darkness. In verses 3 and 4 what tools does Jesus use to make sure we make it home safely?
7. What is the imagery David is writing about in verse 5? Try to make it personal. What did you do to deserve it? What will you do in response to it? Matt 11:28 – 30.
8. The last point on Sunday was, Jesus secures our future. Do you believe this? How does He accomplish this?

"I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now. . . . Come further up, come further in!" — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle