



Sunday, July 16, 2023 – FFC Sunday Sermon

## Sermon Notes/Outline:

Sermon Message Series: **Satisfied: A Sabbath Study of Psalms 23**

- ◆ Story of “Shrek the Sheep”
  - 6 years hiding in a cave in New Zealand.
- ◆ Psalms 23:2: Starts with **our** desires.
  - *Desires* for “green pastures” and “quiet waters”.
- ◆ Question: Do you need the Lord to restore your soul?
- ◆ Jesus has “other” sheep.
  - Anyone who **answers** God’s calling (Jews & Gentiles)
- ◆ God views us as “sheep” vs. Our view of being a “Lone Ranger”.
- ◆ 4 Requirements to get sheep to “lie down”.
  - \* *Sheep are naturally restless.*
  - 1. Sheep must be **Free of all Fear**.
    - Luke 12:32: “*Don’t be afraid little flock*”.
  - 2. Sheep must be **Free from Friction of others of their kind**.
    - Unity in the flock.
  - 3. Sheep must be **Free from Parasites and Pest**.
    - Shepherd must keep away “The Lord of the Flies”.
  - 4. Sheep must be **Free from Hunger**.
    - The shepherd is responsible to bring a restful and safe place with “**good food and water**”.
- ◆ Fight against living in “**good enough**”.
- ◆ Great Shepherd vs. The Thief
  - Need to surrender and come under HIS authority.
    - **Freedom is the result.**
- ◆ Moses’ Story: 40 years of becoming a Shepherd.
  - “Shepherd’s Staff” represents God’s Lessons.
- ◆ Moses **intercedes** for the people of Israel.
  - Moses sees God’s Glory (**God describes Himself**)
    - *God takes care of His Sheep*
- ◆ Question: Who is your Shepherd?
  - “**But God**”: By grace we are saved.
- ◆ Dennis’ challenge to return to the Shepherd of your Soul.
  - *No excuses*, it is not a commitment of mind, *but of heart*.

## Bible References:

- ❖ Psalms 23:2
- ❖ John 10:16
- ❖ Luke 12:32
- ❖ Exodus Ch. 8 (Plague of Pest)
- ❖ John 8:36
- ❖ Exodus Ch. 3 (Moses as a Shepherd)
- ❖ Exodus 34:6-7
- ❖ Ephesians 2:4-7
- ❖ 1 Peter 2:25

## Home Group Questions:

- \* *How do you need the Lord to restore your soul?*
- \* *Why do you feel “lying down” is the first action of the “Shepherd”?*
- \* *Do you feel challenged to make the Lord the Shepherd of your life? Why?*
- \* **Week 3 Sabbath Reading Plan:** Focus on the action “He makes,” “He leads,” and “He restores”. Why do you think David would write using this kind of language? How can you relate to David in this? Pray and ask the Lord to reveal areas in which He wants to make you like down, lead you, or even bring restoration to your heart or to a situation.