

Weekly Connector: A cup that overflows...

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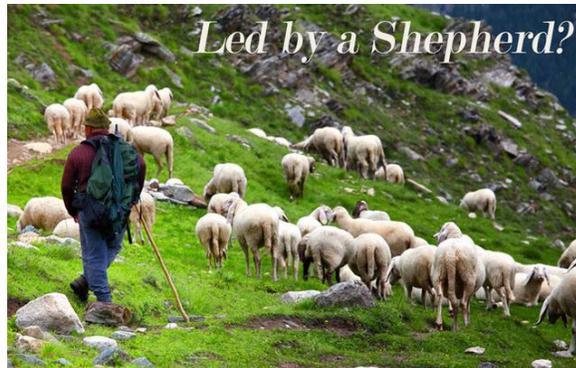
The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge. Psalm 19:1-2



This weekend brought my annual trek to Colorado for a Men's Retreat I have enjoyed attending since 1999. For me, Lost Valley Ranch is a place of renewal and re-creation. Now, in leaving, I will drive down the 9-mile dirt road, drifting along the washboard, passing between sadness, joy, and hope. The sadness comes from leaving this place where God continually speaks to me each year. The joy wells up from the deposit God has placed within me; no matter the challenges that await me, He will lead me through it. The hope is for the everlasting life He has promised both now and to come; through Jesus, I never need lose hope for He is my hope.

Lost Valley Ranch is a 4-diamond guest ranch tucked behind Pike's Peak which has been set apart for God's purposes and through which He has continually shown His power, majesty, and beauty. I had the privilege of bringing 7 other men with me this year. Four of them experienced for the first time the majesty and glory of God's Creation and the Presence and Wisdom we soak up each year. And, as some of us have been here more than once, we also renew relationships with our Band of Brothers, engaged in the same adventure with Christ.

On Sunday, as we continue through Psalm 23, we reach the point where David declares to the LORD, "...You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." These men and I will declare how God has both anointed us and caused our cups to overflow. I hope that through their testimony, we will learn together the reality of this: His anointing and our overflowing cups can be ongoing - often a daily deal, an outpouring of God's grace and mercy through His glory and His handiwork. Be sure to invite someone to come with you, soak in the LORD's grace as we celebrate His working and presence in our lives.



I love you, Church!

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