

## BUILDING HOPE Psalm 23

- I. STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART
  - A. The <u>POWER</u> of Hope
  - B. Where do you NEED Hope?
- II. HOW TO BUILD HOPE (Psalm 23)
  - A. By <u>FOLLOWING</u> our Shepherd (vv.1-4)
    - 1. Following starts by <u>DECLARING</u>.

      The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

- 2. We build Hope by <u>ALLOWING</u> Jesus to shepherd us (vv2-3a)
  - a. Jesus builds our Hope by <u>CARING</u> for us.

    He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. . . . Psalm 23:2-3a
  - b. Jesus builds our Hope by <u>LEADING</u> us.

    ... He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

    Psalm 23:3b

c. Jesus builds our Hope by <u>PROTECTING</u> us.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

- B. By living in our Shepherd's KINGDOM (vv.5-6)
  - 1. Our landing spot from the Shepherd
    ... and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever
    Psalm 23:6b
  - 2. The indicators of our level of Hope (v.5)
    - a. Our peace

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

b. Our joy

You anoint my head with oil;

c. Our satisfaction *My cup overflows.* 

d. Our confidence

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:6

## **III. OUR RESPONSE**

When you are following Jesus and living in His Kingdom, you will have peace, joy, satisfaction, and confidence that are the building blocks of the hope that He has for us.

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