



Week 3 - In the Presence of My Enemies

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of MY ENEMIES.**

**You anoint my head with oil;
my cup OVERFLOWS.**

**Surely your goodness and love will FOLLOW ME
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.**

HOW TO RECEIVE FORGIVENESS FROM GOD:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need a new life in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new life from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text "FAITH" to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

Did you have a childhood "nemesis?" What was that like? What other examples of adversarial relationships in your life come to mind.

Read and "sit with" (meditate on) Psalm 23. Read or listen to it a couple of times, perhaps in different translations (like those found at bible.com).

- What does God seem to be speaking into your heart?
- What did you notice that you may not have seen when this passage was read in service?

Pastor Jeremiah said, "in the Bible, it seems those we interact with are identified in two groups: Our neighbors--who we are told to love as ourselves... and our enemies--who we are told to love and bless.

- What are some practical implications of this for you in your life today?
- If the psalmist is implying the table God sets for us is with our "enemies" at the table, what does that say about offering love and blessing there?

What do you think God's abundance has to do with the conversation here?

What are ways to identify what is "following you" (or left behind you) wherever you've been? What are ways to be intentional about what others encounter when they come after us?

Upcoming Events you don't want to miss!

11.11.22 HSM Nine 2 Twelve

The Fun Station In Eldridge | 9PM to Midnight | Students 6th through 12th GR
Head to our church center app to register

11.19.22 Friendsgiving: A Women's Event

Rock Island Campus | 11AM to 1:30PM | For more information and registration visit the church center App or head to our website at www.heritageqc.com

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