

Sermon Outline January 9, 2022 Pastor Bryan Myers

Even Though

Psalm 23

Every New Year arrives with two outlooks:

- 1. _____ and 2. _____
 - * Hope is the _____ of life.
- * Uncertainty can cause ______.
- * There are 5 realities you cannot change, but what a difference it makes when you bring ______ into the equation.
- 1. Everything _____ and ends.
- 2. Things do not always go according to plan.
- 3. Life is not always ______.
- 4. Pain is a part of life.
- 5. People are not loving or _____ all the time.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

* The 23rd Psalm provides three perspective changing viewpoints:

1. EVEN THOUGH I don't have everything I _____; I have everything I _____.

* What God sees as your need may not be what you want!

James 1:2-4 - Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

2. EVEN THOUGH life may appear overwhelming, God's presence is _____.

Hebrews 13:5b - God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

3. EVEN THOUGH there will be challenges to go _____, I have something to go _____.

Romans 8:18 - I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

* You must choose who or what will be your

John 10:14 - I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.

* When God IS your shepherd, His truth is more important than what's _____ about your life.

2 Corinthians 4:8-9 - We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

* We all need some _____ moments.

* A guarantee for the coming year: Uncertainty ______ by the certainty of God.