

**Vision:** *Helping People Win In Life* (on the foundation of a Personal & Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ)



**Mission:** *Helping People Win In Life through environments designed to help them take their next steps in Christian Maturity.*

**Sunday, June 4, 2017**  
**Sermon Notes**

**IS GOD REALLY GOOD ALL THE TIME? “Living in the Goodness of God” (Series):**  
***NOW Is the Time: Let God Meet My Needs – Part 2***  
**Pastor Bob Washington**

**Icebreaker:** Share one thing that makes you smile.

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**Scripture Reading:**

**Psalm 23:1** -- *"The Lord is my Shepherd so I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, and he leads me beside quiet water."*

**3 Quick Facts About the Goodness of God**

- 🕒 **God is the Source of Everything I Need to Live** - *"The Lord is my Shepherd, I will lack nothing!" Psalm 23:1*
- 🕒 **There is Nothing I Need That God Cannot Supply** - *"God will supply all you'll ever need from his glorious resources in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:19 (Ph)*
- 🕒 **God Doesn't Want Me Worrying About Anything** -- *"Don't worry about anything! Instead, pray about everything." Philippians 4:6a (LB)*

**WHY DOES GOD TELL ME NOT TO WORRY? (Matthew 6:25-34)**

**1. Worry is Unreasonable**

*"Do not worry about your life — what you'll eat or drink, and don't worry about your body, or what you'll wear. Your life is far more important than clothes." Matthew 6:25*

**2. Worry is Unnatural**

*"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26 (NIV)*

*"And why worry about your clothes? Look at the field lilies! They don't worry about theirs. Yet King Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as beautifully as they." Matthew 6:28-29 (LB)*

**3. Worry is Unhelpful**

*"Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?" Matthew 6:27 (NIV)*

*"Worry weighs us down." Proverbs 12:25a (Mes)*

*"A heart at peace gives life to the body..." Proverbs 14:30 (NIV)*

**4. Worry is Unnecessary**

*"If God cares so wonderfully even for the flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you?" Matthew 6:30 (LB)*

**5. Worry is Unbelief**

“and my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

“People who don’t know God and the way He works — they worry over these things.” Matthew 6:32a (Mes)

Jesus: “Don’t be worried! Believe in God and believe in me!” John 14:1 (GN)

## **HOW DO I TRUST JESUS TO MEET MY NEEDS?**

### **1. Every Day, Ask the Lord to Be My Shepherd**

Jesus: “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me . . . and I lay down my life for my sheep.” John 10:14-15 (NLT)

“Come save us and bless us Lord! Be our shepherd and always carry us in your arms.” Psalm 28:9 (CEV)

### **2. I Give Jesus First Place In Every Area of My Life**

“Your Heavenly Father already knows perfectly well what you need, and He will give you what you need IF you give Him first place in your life and live as He wants you to.” Matthew 6:32-33

### **3. Relax and Give Him My Worries in Prayer**

“Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you.” 1 Peter 5:7 (NLT)

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God about all your needs and thank him for all he’s done/ for you. If you do this things, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand.” Philippians 4:6-7 (LB)

### **4. Trust Jesus For One Day at a Time**

“Don’t worry about tomorrow, because tomorrow will have its own worries. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” Matthew 6:34 (NCV)

“Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.” Matthew 6:34 (Mes)

## **Questions for Discussion:**

1. What happens to you when you worry?
2. What does it take for you to trust God?
3. How has trusting God to meet all your needs stopped your from worrying?

**ACTION PLAN:** Read through Psalm 23 each day this week and try to memorize it.

## **Outline for Small Group (1 ½ hour)**

- I. **Welcome:** Ice Breaker, Light Refreshments (20 min)
- II. **Worship:** Sing 2 Songs, Pray (7 min)
- III. **Word:** Discussion /Overview from preached message & Discussion Questions (43 min)
- IV. **Works & Witness:** What will you do to **serve** others and/or **share** Christ with others? How can you **partner** with your Small Group and/or entire Church? (10 min)
- V. **Win (Testimony)** What next step have you taken or are taking toward spiritual maturity in Christ Jesus? *Connecting, Growing, Serving, Sharing, Worshipping* (5 min)
- VI. **Will (Vision & Prayer):** Share the Vision and Mission of CCMS & Pray (ACTS) – Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication (5 min)



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## **Is God Really Good All The Time?** **(Series)**

### **PSALM 23: Because God Is Good . . .**

**1. HE WILL Meet All My Needs When I'm Worried**

**"The Lord is my shepherd, I will lack nothing." Psalm 23:1**

**2. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"He makes me lie down in green pastures, and he leads me beside quiet waters." Psalm 23:2**

**3. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"He restores my soul" Psalm 23:3a**

**"He gives me new strength" Psalm 23:3a (NCV)**

**4. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"He guides me in the right paths for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3b**

**5. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."  
Psalm 23:4**

**6. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"Your rod and your staff, they comfort me." Psalm 23:4b**

**7. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"You prepare a banquet for me in front of all my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows." Psalm 23:5**

**8. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life." Psalm 23:6a**

**9. HE WILL \_\_\_\_\_**

**"And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6b**

**Jesus "My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." John 10:10-11 (NLT)**