

How to Live Life to the Full

(The Good Life Comes from the Good Shepherd)

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2. We have learned that God is light, and Christians can live in, and shine forth, the light of God's love.

Shepherds of the Bible

Psalm 23

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- David (1 Samuel 16)
- God (Psalm 23; Isaiah 40:11)
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Run Through the Gate to Life

John 10:7-9

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Reach for His Goal

John 10:10

¹⁰ "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."

Realize the Good Shepherd Makes Life Possible

John 10:11-18

1. He lays down His life for you. (John 10:11,15,17)
¹¹ "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."
2. He knows your name and your need. (John 10:3,14)
³ "The watchman opens the gate for [the shepherd], and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out."
3. He will lead you through life. (John 10:9)
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Respond Like a Good Sheep

John 10:25-30

His sheep...

1. Listen to His voice. (John 10:3,27)
²⁷ "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."
2. Follow where He leads. (John 10:4)
⁴ "When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice."

Result? They find life to the full!

Application Questions

1. What makes it difficult to believe that He wants to give you the best in life?
 - How does His goal and your goal differ?
2. Are you a good listener?
 - How do you identify His voice?
 - Where in life are you hearing mixed voices?
3. Where have you heard His voice and know you need to follow?

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