

DAVID WAS A MAN AFTER GODS OWN HEART, THAT IS THE PURSUIT OF GODS HEART. UNDERSTANDING GODS HEART AND HIS DESIRES TEACHES ME GRACES AND ENABLES ME TO GIVE. “FOR GOD SO LOVED HE GAVE” **TO OTHERS**. THIS LOVE IS NOT BASED ON PERFORMANCE, STATURE, ABILITY OR MY RIGHT LIVING BUT PURLEY BECAUSE HE CHOSE TO LOVE ..

THIS OUTWARD DEMONSTRATION OF GODS LOVE BEING GIVEN TO OTHERS WITHOUT QUALIFYING FOR IT, IS HIS HEART.

THE OUTWARD WORKINGS OF HIS PASSION GRACE AND LOVE TOWARDS HUMANITY

IS ALWAYS POURING OUT ALWAYS GIVING

AND GOD PLACES HIMSELF IN A VERY VULNERABLE POSITION IN THIS **“GIVING OF HIMSELF”** WHICH TEACHES ME THAT IF I WANT TO BE A MAN AFTER HIS HEART IT WILL CAUSE ME TO BE IN A PLACE OF VULNERABILITY AT TIMES TO DEMONSTRATE THIS LOVE – THIS PLACE OF VULNERABILITY WILL BE NECESSARY TO CHANGE MY HOUSE TO A HOME.

*Eze 6:9 NKJV Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the nations where they are carried captive **because I was crushed by their adulterous heart** which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols; they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations*

*Eze 6:9 ASV Then when they are exiled among the nations, they will remember Me **They will recognize how hurt I am by their unfaithful heart** and lustful eyes that long for their idols. Then at last they will hate themselves for all their detestable sins.*

WE HIS PEOPLE WHO ARE THE OBJECT OF THIS GREAT LOVE WITH WHICH HE LOVES US CAN BECOME COMPLACENT WITH HIM AND HURT HIM AND BRUISE HIS HEART BY NEGLECTING HIS HEART AND HOW HE FEELS. BECAUSE OF OUR SELFISHNESS

AND YET THIS AMAZING WONDERFUL ALL LOVING GOD RELOCATED THOSE WHO BROKE HIS HEART THAT THEY MAY SEE HOW THEY HAVE TREATED HIM.

HE NEVER STOPPED LOVING EVEN THEIR RELOCATION WAS AN ACT OF LOVE.... **SO THEY MAY SEE**

A YOUNG BOY CALLED DAVID IN THE MIDDLE OF A Paddock SAW AND UNDERSTOOD THE GREATEST REVELATION OF “GIVING” IS NOT JUST “GETTING ” BUT TO “GIVING BACK ”. GIVING BACK MY WHOLE HEART TO THE ONE WHO HAS PURSUED ME AND GIVEN ME EVERYTHING. THIS GIVING BACK CAUSES ME TO GROW IN TRUST, TO RELY UPON , TO SET NEW LEVELS OF AFFECTION UPON.

THIS “GIVING BACK” GIVES ME

• A CONFIDENCE THAT HE IS MY ROCK: • A STRENGTH IN THAT I’M NOT ALONE. • A CONFIDENCE HE’S MY REFUGE • A STRENGTH THAT HE HAS HIS HEART IS SET TOWARDS ME • A CONFIDENCE THAT HE HAS ANOINTED ME (set me apart) FOR HIMSELF

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This didn't happen to David overnight or in his hour of need, this happened in the place of him being the Shepherd over the sheep - Serving and being faithful, guarding and protecting the fathers sheep. - A place where He killed the Lion and the Bear devourers of the fathers sheep — Faithful in What the father required of Him it was in this place, alone with God that He met the God of His Fathers and fell in love WITH HIS OWN SHEPHERD – THE LORD HIS GOD

AND WE ARE ALL SHEPHERDS OF ONE ANOTHER

CARING TENDING GUARDING THE FATHERS SHEEP FROM THE THIEFS THAT TRY AND DESTROY

Gen 4:9 *Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"*

YES WE ARE ALL EACH OTHERS KEEPERS – BUT A CAIN SPIRIT ONLY THINKS OF THEMSELVES

PS23 Shows David’s reliance on God, just like a sheep who relies on the shepherd. This Psalm teaches us that the shepherd was being shepherded by Lord:

- **Lord is not just a shepherd**, He is **my** shepherd its personal its acknowledgement He's real its not a metaphor or a saying, He is real He's reliable tangible to David, David understood for God to be His shepherd He must be the sheep. Reliant trusting obedient secure

(Spurgeon) says it like this if he be a Shepherd to no one else, he is a Shepherd to me; he cares for me, watches over me, and preserves me."

- **"I shall not want"** means, "All my needs are supplied by the LORD, my shepherd." **"I shall not want"** means, "I decide to not desire more than what the LORD, my shepherd gives. – MY FOCUS IS NOT ME BUT HIM
- **"He makes me to lie down"**: The LORD as a shepherd knew how to make David rest when he needed it, just as a literal shepherd would care for his sheep. The implication is that a sheep doesn't always know what it needs and what is best for itself, and so it needs help from the shepherd.
- **"He leads me beside the still waters"**: The shepherd knows when the sheep needs green pastures, and knows when the sheep needs the still waters. It speaks of comfort, care, and rest.– not pastures or waters of danger indecision or lack of care...
- **"He restores my soul"**: . David's soul was restored (refreshed renewed to what it is intended for delivered - cleansed mind, his will and emotions operating within Gods intentions because of these still waters)
- **"He leads me"**: The shepherd is a guide. The sheep didn't need to know where the green pastures or still waters were; all it needed to know was where the shepherd was .
- **"in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake"**. in the path of holiness and obedience. As I follow the shepherd So He alone receives all the glory honour and praise.

- **“Yea, 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”** . As my Shepherd I follow even in my valleys I will follow. For you are with me even when I can't see you I can still hear you... I will fear no evil for my Shepherd is my protector comforter nurturer . And even if I cant hear or see you, **you see me...**

I feel the effects of your rod (teaching ministry) and your staff (scepter authority and rule the power of your anointing) they comfort me when they reach out to me and touch me in the midst of my night season

- **You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil;** So confident am I in your power and authority so persuaded I am of your care and love I can sit in the midst of my night season surrounded by everything that should cause concern and anxiety but I LEARN TO SIT AT THE TABLE THAT IS PREPARED –BECAUSE YOUR IN CONTROL PREPARATIONS ALREADY IN PLACE. YOU ANOINT MY HEAD— FROM THE WORRY AND STRESS OF THIS DARK PLACE WITH THE OIL OF THE SPIRIT COVERING AND WASHING MY HEAD
- **MY CUP RUNS OVER** with the love confidence security & joy of my shepherd - and it is that which is overflowing and should be given to those whose cups might not be as full.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house (place of meeting place of fellowship, place of intimacy) **of the LORD Forever.**

**I have no doubt your goodness and mercy shall be with me all my days.
and my heart has now turned to want to be where you are where your heart is**

**David was a man after God's own heart because He submitted
to the shepherd of his soul God.**

By doing so

**In Worship David adored Him, In praise David boasted of Him and God saw him. He saw
him from the inside out**

DAVID A MAN IN PURSUIT OF HIS HEART