

# Life Without Lack

## (Psalm 23)

desert breeze  
community church



Easter Sat & Sun, April 20 & 21 2019 Ray Davis

### **“Abounding Grace for...”** 2Cor9:8/Ps23:1

Imagine the possibility of a life...without fear or fluster, anxiety or angst, a life without irritation, agitation or intimidation. A life that exudes peace, patience and poise. A life that is carefree, but not without care for others. A life that many have sacrificed time, money and relationships trying to possess. A life without lack.

### **Good Friday: His Poverty, Our Riches**

2Cor8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (ESV)

### **Easter: Abounding Grace for...**

2Cor9:8 God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (NIV)

### Psalm 23:1-6

Abounding Grace for...my Weariness, Indecisiveness, Fearfulness, Waywardness, Brokenness, Neediness, and Eternal Blissfulness.

Ps23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

“Contentment is the inward, gracious, quiet spirit that joyfully rests in God’s presence and providence.” — (Erik Raymond, Chasing Contentment)

### **CONTENTMENT IS THE...**

INWARD: It comes from within and is not based on circumstances. Acts16:19-25; Phil4:11-12

GRACIOUS: It is the favor of God earned by Christ’s work not ours. Eph2:8-9; James 4:6

QUIET SPIRIT: It is a life without bitterness (past), complaining (present) or worry (future). Matt12:34; 1Pet5:7

THAT JOYFULLY RESTS: It is a buoyancy based on the pleasures you have in the eternal privileges in Christ. Phil4:4; 2Cor6:10

IN GOD’S PRESENCE: It is His manifested personal active interaction with you. John 17:3; Ps16:11, 42:1

AND PROVIDENCE: It is His undivided attention, unconditional affection and unlimited action always working for your good and His glory. Rom8:28; Heb13:5

### **Growing Notes**

- 1) Think about a crying baby who finds consolation when given a toy. It’s easy to be content when circumstances are going our way but how is our source of contentment revealed through trials (James 1:2-4)? If your heart were a body of water, would it be a peaceful lake or a stormy sea?
- 2) Read Psalm 23. What is the significance of Psalm 22 (2Cor8:9) preceding Psalm 23 (2Cor9:8)? How could Paul and Silas sing and pray while in such a miserable place as a first-century Roman dungeon (Acts16:19-25; Phil4:11-12)?
- 3) Review the definition for contentment. Now work through each of the words and Bible verses. Which one(s) are strengths? Which one(s) are growth areas? What are some steps in your beliefs and behavior that will help you to become a more contented person in Christ? Pray.