

Mercy That Follows

Scripture

"Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life."

Psalms 23:6

Reflection

David does not describe God's goodness and mercy as occasional visitors. They follow him throughout his life.

That does not mean every day is easy. Psalm 23 has already included valleys, enemies, and danger.

It means that through every season, the Shepherd remains faithful.

When we look back over our lives, we may see times when we did not recognize what God was doing. Yet with perspective, we often discover His mercy was present even then.

The Good Shepherd is not faithful only in our best moments. His goodness follows us through all of them.

Illustration

A trail may be difficult to understand while walking it, but from a high point the path behind us becomes clearer.

Looking back often helps us recognize how God guided and sustained us when we could not see it at the time.

Application

Look back over one difficult season from your past.

Write down at least one way you can now see God's goodness, mercy, or guidance in that experience.

Prayer

Good Shepherd, thank You for Your goodness and mercy that have followed me through every season. Help me recognize Your faithfulness in the past and trust You more fully with the future. Amen.