

The Wake We Leave

Scripture

*"Let all that you do be done in love."
1 Corinthians 16:14*

Reflection

Psalm 23:6 causes us to think not only about the goodness and mercy God gives us, but also about what our lives leave behind.

People leave a wake wherever they go. Our words, attitudes, decisions, and actions affect families, churches, workplaces, and friendships.

Some people leave behind hurt, conflict, distrust, and bitterness. Others leave encouragement, peace, kindness, and mercy.

Following the Good Shepherd should change the trail we leave behind.

If God has shown us goodness and mercy, those same qualities should begin to appear in the way we treat others.

Illustration

A boat moving through water always leaves a wake behind it.

In the same way, no one moves through life without influencing the people around them. The question is not whether we leave a wake, but what kind.

Application

Think about the people you interact with most often.

Ask yourself honestly what your attitudes and words tend to leave behind in those relationships.

Choose one way to leave encouragement instead of frustration today.

Prayer

Lord, help me become more aware of the impact I have on others. Let my words, attitudes, and actions leave behind evidence of Your goodness and mercy. Amen.